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Didsbury Hospital may be in a state of emergency



EMERGENCIES NOT WANTED?
Many Didsburians are outraged that
HA5 may be closing the
emergency and acute care
services at our hospital.

Photo by Colleen Horrigan

By Nicole Smith

Many locals are feeling mighty sick upon hearing the news that our hospital may be closing its doors to emergencies and acute care services.

A meeting was held last Wednesday afternoon, with members of Health Authority 5 and local politicians and business people in attendance, to discuss the possibility of the Didsbury Hospital becoming a long term care facility.

Town of Didsbury Councillor Judy Kaupp was in attendance at the meeting and says that she came away with more questions of the health authority than answers.

"I got the impression that this is all very preliminary, which I find a little disturbing," Kaupp said. "They didn't appear to have any real plans."

Kaupp says that instead of handling emergencies and acute care patients, the authority will be sending them to Olds. She said that the authority proposed having a clinic in the hospital that may go into the evening, so that Didsburians will have access to a doctor if need be.

Kaupp says that although

the meeting wasn't what she had expected, she's not all that surprised at the authority's plans.

"We've been seeing it coming for a long time. They've been steadily eroding the services lately," she said.

Town of Didsbury Mayor, Ray Lea, says that he's ready for battle with the Health Authority in the hopes of keeping these vital services.

"Are we going to do something about it? You bet. We're going to use whatever measures we can legally to save our hospital," Lea said.

Lea, who was not privy to last week's meeting, says that he's not attacking the health authority personally, but that "we're just concerned about our hospital."

"We need to get through to the Health Minister and the Health Authority about how important our hospital is here," Lea said. "If we lose that hospital, as far as I'm concerned, it's going to hurt us badly."

Mayor Lea agrees with Kaupp in that he's also surprised that it took the authority this long to consider this decision.

"We're off in the panhandle of this health region and I think we're kind of a pain in his keister," was Lea's logic on why the authority would consider such a move.

"I can't understand their line of thinking. Believe me, I can't," he said.

Jim Ramsbottom, the Chief Executive Officer for Health Authority 5, says that this decision is not final yet and that he wants to discuss the issue more before deciding anything.

Ramsbottom feels that this consideration is a positive one for the authority.

"We're looking at trying to do some positive things to provide some stability," he said. "It depends on how you look at it. Some of its positive, but some of it may be negative to certain individuals."

Ramsbottom is rather tight lipped about exactly what the health authority is planning for the Didsbury Hospital, but says that they are looking at implementing programs specifically with the David Thompson Health Authority.

"I can't really get involved in talking about it right now,"

Ramsbottom said. "But, it's not going to be just a long term care facility."

He feels that it's in the best interest of the authority to specialize the Didsbury hospital.

"We want to enhance the programs at both sites, not duplicate them," he said of the Didsbury and Olds hospitals. "It's unfortunate that you have two major facilities in the area that are such a short distance apart."

Ramsbottom re-enforced the fact that a decision has not been made yet, but says that if these plans were to be implemented, they would take effect "anywhere from May to June."

"Something will happen," he concluded. "Whatever format it happens in is yet to be seen."

Our local doctors don't seem to be happy about the possibility of HA5 changing the hospital's format.

Dr. Marc Puts, who transferred from Saskatchewan with his wife this past fall, says that his family feels betrayed by what the authority is proposing.

"I feel that we've been betrayed, cheated, misled and all that," Puts said.

"If they shut down the hospi-

tal, I would feel lied to and I would take them to court," Puts said about his recent transfer to our area.

Puts says that the doctors had a meeting with Ramsbottom and other members of the authority and that "Ramsbottom walked out after only 15 minutes of the meeting."

"I found it insulting," Puts said. "The way it's presented is disgusting."

"We have to open war. We have to give them a strong message that we're not going to take this," Puts said. "We will not close it down. We will make a lot of noise."

Mayor Lea agrees that something must be done about this possible situation and is asking the residents of Didsbury to put their concerns in writing and send them to both MLA Richard Marz and the provincial health minister, Halvert Johnson.

Ramsbottom says that more talks are planned for this week sometime about the authority's plans.

Other meetings are being planned around town to draw up a plan of action as to how to save our hospital.

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In the courts: Wildlife officer found guilty of assault

By Colleen Horrihan and Dan Singleton

Man fined following accident

A man who refused to provide police with a breath sample following a motor vehicle accident in Didsbury two months ago has been fined.

Patrick Allan Bazley pleaded guilty on Nov. 22 to a charge of refusing to provide a sample.

Prosecutor Larry Stein told the court the accused was in a two-vehicle accident on Sept. 2, 1998. When the attending officer noticed a strong smell of liquor on the accused's breath, he demanded a sample. When Bazley refused, he was charged.

The accused has two previous convictions for impaired driving. Judge Fraser fined the accused \$600.

Man possessed marijuana

A 19-year-old Caroline man has been fined after pleading guilty to possession of marijuana.

David Fay entered the plea before Judge Bruce Fraser in Didsbury provincial court Nov. 22.

Crown prosecutor Larry Stein told court the accused was stopped at a checkpoint in Olds on Oct. 2. When the attending officer noticed a strong smell of marijuana inside the vehicle, he

searched the truck and found 1.5 grams of the drug in a small plastic bag. Judge Fraser fined Fay \$150.

Man smashed window with beer bottle

A 20-year-old Red Deer man who smashed a window at an Olds restaurant during a drunken incident in May has been placed on probation.

James Robert Gordon pleaded guilty on Nov. 22 to charges of mischief and failure to appear in court.

Court heard the accused was drinking in Smitty's in Olds on May 6 when he smashed a plate glass window with a beer mug, causing \$231.12 damage. He was intoxicated at the time, prosecutor Stein said.

Gordon failed to show up for court on July 14 to answer the original charge.

"I would like to apologize for breaking the window," Gordon said.

Judge Fraser handed the accused a six-month sentence, including six months probation and 50 hours of community service.

Man caught driving without insurance

Sundre police pulled over and charged a man driving without insurance July 9, 1999. Sean Ehman, who was in police cus-

tody at the time, appeared in court Nov. 24 to answer to the charge.

Ehman's counsel Brian Forestell said that credit should be given to Ehman for the time he spent in jail, because it was unclear why police took him into custody three days before his court date.

Crown prosecutor Andrew Carswell advised the court of the statutory minimum of \$2,500.

Judge L. Mandamin handed the accused the \$2,500 fine, but gave some credit to the accused by not ordering a victim fine surcharge. Ehman has until Nov. 30, 2000 to pay.

Youth given community service

A 16-year-old male appearing in Didsbury provincial court on a charge of breach of probation was ordered to complete 10 hours of community service.

The youth, who had been placed on probation with an order not to possess any intoxicants was caught having consumed approximately a six-pack of alcohol. The accused was ordered to continue weekly counselling and was given until Feb. 26, 2000 to complete the 10 hours.

Wildlife officer guilty of assault

An Olds-based wildlife officer charged after a Sundre man complained to police that he had been assaulted has been found guilty.

Richard Lyons, 33, faced two counts of assault. The charges stemmed from two incidents near Sundre in November 1998. His trial began in Didsbury provincial court last month, before being moved to Calgary. The verdict was handed down in provincial court on Nov. 26.

Complainant Brent Bartholow, a 21-year-old Sundre resident, testified the accused shoved and prodded him, resulting in bruising, during a Nov. 11, 1998 checkpoint near the Forest Heights Golf Course, 10

km north of Westward Ho.

As well, Bartholow testified he was pulled from his truck by Lyons after being stopped near Sundre on Nov. 30, 1998.

Judge Sandra Hamilton handed Lyons a conditional discharge including six months probation. If Lyons remains in good standing with the court for the next six months, the conviction will be removed from his record.

In an interview, Bartholow said he was pleased with the judgement, but Lyons said he plans to appeal.

"It's already underway," said Lyons, adding he's been told he will not lose his job due to the conviction.

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No settlement for Agricore

By Nicole Smith

After two days of mediated talks, no settlement has been reached for Agricore workers in Alberta and Manitoba.

Members of Agricore and the Grain Services Union (GSU) were at the bargaining tables with federal mediator Tom Hodges on Nov. 21 and 22.

Hodges decided that the two parties were too far apart on their offers to achieve a settlement at this time. The two main issues are wage and seniority related.

Agricore has decided not to

submit the matter to binding arbitration as the GSU has requested, saying that the outstanding issues are too important to hand to a third party arbitrator.

This decision has left the one Agricore employee at the Didsbury Elevator currently off the job, as he has been on strike for almost three weeks now.

Another Agricore employee from elsewhere in Alberta is currently managing our elevator, so business is operating as per usual here.

In addition to the Didsbury Agricore employee, approxi-

mately 33 workers are off the job at grain elevators around Alberta.

So far, no talks have been scheduled between Agricore and the GSU.

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Correction

In last week's issue of the Review in a story titled "Retreat successful," Didsbury Town Councillor Judy Kaupp was named as the chair of the Didsbury Lodge committee.

Kaupp is actually the chair of the Mountain View Management Board, and the Seniors Lodge is an issue under this board.

Sorry about the mistake.

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RCMP warn about dirty needles found

By Nicole Smith

Didsbury RCMP are warning the community about almost a dozen dirty needles found behind the Didsbury Aquatic Centre early last week.

Constable Steve Woolnough says that nine or 10 used syringes were found last Tuesday morning by a Memorial Complex employee.

Apparently a small fire had been built behind the swimming pool and a spoon and the syringes, one of them with blood in it, were spotted there.

Woolnough says that it looks like something was "being cooked there."

"The trouble with this is there's a playground not far away," he said.

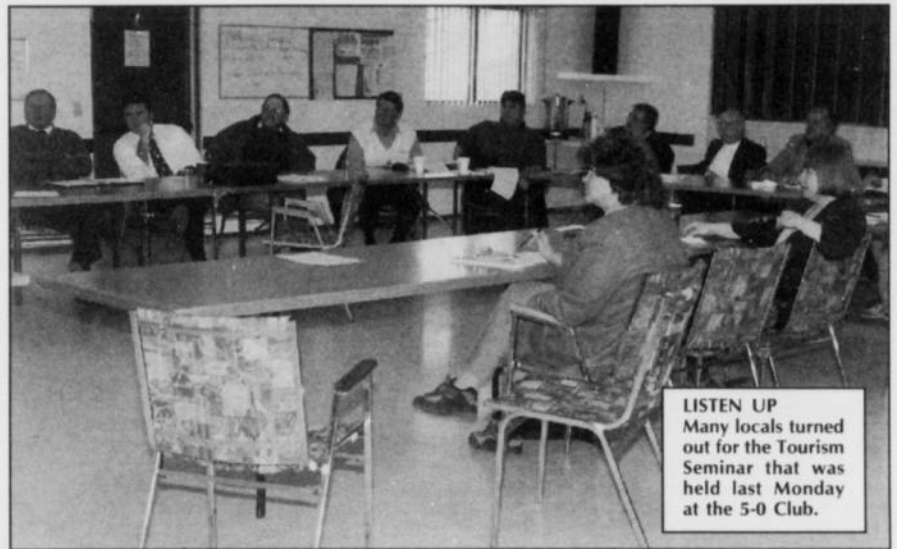
"These needles are awful attractive from a kid's point of view."

Woolnough says that the syringes were taken to the hospital for them to be properly disposed of.

Our biggest concern is from a health point of view," he said. "These things were definitely biohazardous."

He is warning parents in Didsbury to tell their children not to touch anything of this sort and notify the RCMP immediately if anything like this is found.

Woolnough says that all the schools were notified immediately after the needles were found, so that students could be warned of the hazard.



LISTEN UP
Many locals turned out for the Tourism Seminar that was held last Monday at the 5-0 Club.

Tourism development workshop a real success

By Colleen Horriagan

Didsbury's Tourism and Economic Development Board hosted a workshop Nov. 22 to discuss and form a comprehensive tourism plan for the town.

Claude Baril said that there were enough people present to have a good discussion and to identify some of the necessary steps to take to promote tourism in Didsbury in the future.

Speaker Bill Ozard from Travel Alberta helped participants identify Alberta-wide plans for tourism, as well as various ways to get funding for these initiatives.

"We got a better idea of how

tourism is going to be marketed in Alberta," Baril said. "The funding that is available is tax dollars but it works on a matching system with corporate dollars."

Baril explained that once specific initiatives are planned, businesses that stand to benefit directly will be targeted in hopes of getting some corporate funding. Then an application can be made to leverage some provincial grant dollars.

One of the conclusions of the workshop was that Didsbury has a lot of little things that can potentially appeal to a wide range of people, which led to discussion of package concepts that

can be marketed in each of the four seasons.

Baril said it would be nice to have something in place for the summer of 2000, but that more meetings are definitely needed before any concrete plans can materialize.

Baril said the meeting gave everyone an opportunity to identify some of Didsbury's resources, such as campgrounds and hotel facilities, golf, swimming, the Museum, and rural tours.

"Didsbury does a lot of little things well and the trick is to get that word out," Baril concluded.

Teacher exchange to take place at DHS

By Colleen Horriagan

Didsbury High School principal Steve Thompson and his family are getting ready to move to Australia for a year as part of an intercontinental teacher exchange.

Thompson applied to be considered for the exchange over a year ago, and found out he had been chosen last March, so the administration at DHS has known about this since appointing Thompson as principal.

During Thompson's leave, vice-principal Iain Paton will take over as principal and Denise Miller will fill the vice-principal position. Also coming to complete the staff will be Kathy Flanagan, a math teacher from Australia.

Exchange candidates are chosen based on subjects taught, town-size preference, family size and other qualifications.

Flanagan will arrive here on Dec. 16, so she and her husband and their two children, ages nine and 12, can meet the Thompson family and become acquainted with DHS and the town of Olds, where they will be living in Thompson's house.

The Thompson family, which includes Steve, his wife, and their two children, ages 10 and 13, will then leave Dec. 20 for Sandy Beach, Australia where they will live in Flanagan's house for the year.

Sandy Beach is a town of about 2,500 people, and

Thompson will teach at a high school in a town of about 5,000 people called Woolgoolga. The towns are located on Australia's east coast, about two hours south of the Queensland border.

Thompson and Flanagan will both be teaching math courses while on exchange. The reason the exchange is taking place at this time of year is because it is organized around the Australian school year, which starts in January.

Thompson says this is an opportunity he has had his eye on for six or seven years, ever since another teacher from DHS did the same thing. It was just a matter of waiting for the time to be right.

When the year of the exchange is up, Thompson will return to DHS and finish the school year teaching the courses that Flanagan is responsible for. The following September he will reassume the position of principal.

Both Thompson and Iain Paton acknowledge the great experience this will be for everyone involved, including Paton and Denise Miller, who will be the administration while Thompson is gone.

"It's going to be a big responsibility...I just plan to keep things as they are until he gets back," Paton said, adding that he does not foresee any problems with the transitions.

Reeve wants drop in tax revenue

By Nicole Smith

New Reeve Ian Harvie is asking for a 2-3% drop in tax revenue for Mountain View County. Harvie made this suggestion during the Councillor's Concerns segment of last Wednesday's regular county council meeting.

"We've had some very productive years," said Harvie during the meeting.

Councillor Pat James agreed with Harvie, saying that it should be something that council should consider.

"I think there's an expectation out there that it's a possibility," James said.

Other councillors were not as warm to the idea of a tax revenue decrease.

"Don't ever drop the taxes," said Councillor Dave Derksen. "It's as dangerous as not eating."

County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude says that work needs to be done on this idea before anything will ever come of it.

Harvie suggested that county administration should look at possible avenues to create a 2-3% tax revenue.

Home-based business is really booming in Didsbury

By Colleen Horriagan

The Planning and Development sector at Town Office has noticed an unusually large number of home-based businesses sprouting up in Didsbury recently. Of the 76 home-based businesses currently licensed in Didsbury, about 20 have started within the past year.

The criteria of a home-based business is simply anyone that is offering a service within, or operating from, their home. According to Carolyn Brown of Planning and Development for

the Town, most of the home-based businesses currently operating are service-based, such as construction, custom sewing or crafts, janitorial services, and handymen.

Any business operating from a residential address is required to have a business licence, and Brown says that getting a licence is a fairly simple procedure.

First, the applicant must fill out a form and pay a one-time application fee. This fee is \$40 for those who only have a business office in their home, and

\$65 for those who are doing the actual work in their home.

There is then about a two-week waiting period while the Town places notices around the community, giving citizens an opportunity to raise any concerns they may have regarding the proposed business, such as noise or parking problems.

Finally, a residential business licence is issued, which costs \$100 a year. For temporary businesses, such as door-to-door sales or peddlers from out of town, monthly licenses can be obtained for \$15 a month.



CRAFTY!
The Craft Show at the MPR this past weekend was busy with Christmas shoppers.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Prepare yourselves



Nicole
SMITH

Here's a little story that will make your stomachs turn.

This past week I received a phone call from one of the local police officers, saying that a pile of used needles had been found behind the swimming pool.

He told me that it looked like a fire had been lit and that somebody might have been "cooking something," as a spoon was also found at the scene.

I immediately felt a little sick to

my stomach.

It's hard to believe that someone could be so reckless as to leave almost a dozen used syringes, one with blood in it, at a location so central to our community as the swimming pool. Children are in and out of that building all the time. There is a playground only a short distance away and the arena is always busy with hockey games and figure skating.

What if a child had found the needles and poked himself with it? I would think that a needle would be an interesting find to a small child. How is he to know about AIDS, Hepatitis C and other such diseases?

My first thought, upon hearing this news, was "Who the heck uses needles to get high in a town as small as Didsbury?" I had lived in Calgary for three years before coming here, and I expected to see things like used needles and the such there, but not in Didsbury.

After really thinking about it, I stopped and realized how naive I was being. I come from resort town in British Columbia where drug use runs rampant. It was something that I saw everyday of high school, and not just softer drugs like marijuana.

There are only a few more thousand people who live there than here and drugs like heroin and cocaine are easily accessible, so then I thought, why not Didsbury?

If I, a newspaper person who is supposed to be objective and open to all sorts of twisted ideas, found this incident a little hard to believe, I wondered how others in the community would react.

Parents, this is not something to turn a blind eye to. Don't think that just because we live in a quiet, little town like Didsbury, that drugs aren't in abundance here.

I'm not saying that Didsbury is pushing to be the "Drug Capital of Alberta," but obviously if a pile of used needles were found in town, there is a problem.

Don't think that if you only talk to your children once about drugs and how to say "no," that they will never come across it again in their lives. It's a daily battle and only you can give them the ammunition they need to win.

My advice would be to make yourselves informed first. Learn about what is on the streets and what people are doing, and then give this information to your children. Talk to them regularly about drugs. At least then you can feel safe in knowing that they have some concept of what drugs can do.

I'm sorry if I'm sounding a bit like one of those public service announcements you see on television, but I guess that's what this is. I just wanted to let Didsburians know that you are never safe from the effects of drugs, no matter where you live.

Did you know?

By-law 99-12, Section 2: the owner or occupant of a dwelling or other premises shall provide at their own expense and maintain in good condition a sufficient number of waste containers to hold at least one week's accumulation of waste.

Section 4: the owner or occupant of a dwelling or other premises shall be responsible to prevent the accumulation of refuse at a dwelling or other premises to the point where an unsanitary, unsafe or unsightly condition develops.



Klein lacks courage and vision in health care

From the Alberta First Party

While the Alberta First Party wholeheartedly supports the public funding of health care, they insist that simply injecting an element of choice into the system would dramatically improve service. "Something as simple as allowing the dollars to follow the patient to the facility of their choice would instantly force providers to improve both their quality and timeliness of service," insisted Mr. Reil. "Let's put the patient back in charge."

The Alberta First Party sees the Klein government's attempt to contract out the delivery of some health care services to the private sector as missing the boat.

Party president John Reil claims the Klein Tory proposal does nothing to address the underlying problems within the health care delivery system.

"When are we going to look at the overall health care system and introduce incentives to make it more effective and

efficient? The contracting to private facilities doesn't change the problems with a centrally planned system; it only changes who gets the blame," Mr. Reil explained.

The problem with the Klein government proposal lies in the fact that the location, the quantity, and the quality of health care will still be determined by government.

"Until the demands of the

patient become the basis for determining the delivery of our health care system, we will always be saddled with large lines, poor service, and waste," stated Reil.

Patient choice would ensure that where there is a demand for health care, there will also be an appropriate supply, and that is the single tier health care system Albertans both desire and deserve.

Wonderings of the heart

Advent Communal Service

By Margaret Fradley

What a delightful and meaningful way to begin our Advent season, with all our Church denominations coming together and taking part in a communal service of worship.

All our churches have a special, unique emphasis in their respective ministries. Some of our churches emphasize holiness and prayer; some worship and praise; others, outreach and still others ministry within the body.

When we gather together, with each church bringing their strengths and gifts, we begin to experience the ministry of the "whole body".

It reminds me of the many segments of an orange; each segment is individual yet an important and necessary part of the whole orange.

At our Advent service we were reunited to many we had not seen for a long time, and a wonderful and blessed hour of fellowship followed, with each church taking part in the special music and in the reading and retelling of our well known and well loved Christmas Story.

This service produced a warm feeling of fellowship with God and with one another.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Notes from Nigeria

Dan and Janet Snyder are Didsburians who are missionaries in Nigeria. They are working at a school in Jos, Nigeria for the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada, and Dan is teaching math and English, while Janet runs the library for the whole school. Both have been in the country periodically doing the mission work since the late 70s. The couple met while working in Nigeria and married in December 1995. Their latest excursion set out on May 15 last year and they will return to Didsbury in May of 2000 for a three month furlough. They will return to Nigeria and will remain there until 2006. The Snyders send weekly letters to their family telling about their day to day experiences, and we at the Review believe it will be of interest to our readers.



Dear Friends,

This has been a busy week without any crises. Monday I had two meetings: one during school and one afterwards. With budget items due at the end of November, things needed to be approved. Tuesday was a day to catch up after school--no meetings.

Wednesday there was a finance and plant meeting until about 5. There will be another one in less than two weeks. A new management structure was introduced about three years ago. There are

three major standing committees composed of staff members, board members, and parents. These committees deal with most issues and make recommendations to the board. It cuts down on the time for board meetings, and people who are closer to the issues are dealing with them. It works quite well, but we need to put in the time.

Thursday was American Thanksgiving and I joined 32 others at the hostel for a feast. The lady who helps us keep our house made two pie shells, and I made instant pudding and Dream Whip to fill them to take.

The plan to lose some weight while Janet is gone suffered seriously. The meal was scrumptious, and the company was fun. Some of the students had to go to the School early because they are putting on the play, "Her Majesty, Miss Jones." I attended Friday night and thoroughly enjoyed this comedy set in a typical Midwest small town.

The students have put in a lot of work; the result was impressive. The P.E. teacher is the director, and Janet had invited her and her husband over for dinner. Janet is not here, but a local fast food place supplied chicken burgers and fries. I added some papaya and coconut cream pudding for dessert, and it turned out quite okay. I haven't forgotten everything I learned during my bachelor years.

Saturday morning there was a craft sale put on by the Junior Class. As usual they had lots of goodies, like apple strudel, meat pies, and cinnamon rolls. I sampled some and brought others home for later. It's good that there is plenty to do; it keeps me from being too lonely.

Janet phoned Saturday evening. She is just now catching up on a lot of sleep that she has missed. After the two-day, exhausting journey from Nigeria, she faced emotional crises and a lot of stress.

Her father is much better physically, for which we thank God. But there will need to be some difficult decisions made about the future. I'm glad that Janet is there to help with those. I know that she appreciates your prayers for her.

Sincerely,
Dan, for both of us.

Tuck shop not a hole in the wall

Dear Editor,

In reply to the letter to the Review Editor "Volunteers put in hole in the wall".

The Didsbury Health Care Auxiliary closed the Tuck Shop as of Oct. 1 due to lack of sales

and a few volunteers felt it was a waste of their time in opening the shop.

The new area is for the tuck cart, supplies, storage and pop for the machines and was not intended for a Tuck Shop as such.

The Auxiliary accepted this new area, and it is proving successful.

Sincerely,
Didsbury Health Care Authority,
Didsbury, AB



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New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on December 15, 1999.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

Outstanding customer service

Dear Editor,

You never know what benefits you may reap by simply making a purchase at the local Home Hardware! The whole adventure began when my sister decided to buy a beautiful glider rocker as a Christmas gift. We happened to be in town so we decided to pick it up. When we headed out to the vehicle to load it up, we quickly came to the conclusion that with three passengers, baby in carseat, the diaper bag and grandma's walker it just wasn't going to fit.

"No problem," was the answer from Kurt (should be employee of the year) "where do you live, I'll deliver it."

My first thought was "Gee, that's nice but it won't happen because I live in Carstairs."

Upon advising Kurt he simply replied once again, "no problem, what's the address?"

We left Home Hardware thinking "what a nice man, so accommodating and helpful." The trip home without the glider was spacious to say the least. We proceeded to drop off grandma and run two more quick errands just in time to get home with a crying baby who needed a feeding and diaper change. As I put the key in the door I was mentally reviewing the 47 things that had to be done as soon as the door opened when I was abruptly interrupted by an unexpected crunch and squeak. To my amazement, I had broken the key off halfway in the lock to my front door. ##*!!* What next!

I went over to my neighbour's to use the phone and try to track down a spare key to my back door. There was no answer of course so I decided I would have to jump back in the car and head out 20 miles to get the spare key. I was just going to leave when I remembered Kurt who was making the special delivery. I made a call to Home Hardware to advise them that I wouldn't be home for an hour or two and to let Kurt know. They said they weren't sure when he was coming and they would let him know.

To my amazement when I left my neighbour's to head out, up drives Kurt. I explained my blunder and advised him he could unload the famous glider at my neighbour's house. When I showed him the key I expected to hear "Gee, that's too bad" but instead I got "well let me take a look."

He managed to fit the remaining half of the key into the lock and he got us in. Hallelujah! I'm not sure there is anything I could do or say to describe my appreciation and thanks for this gent that went above and beyond the call of duty. I do know this however, for whatever items the Didsbury Home Hardware carries that I require, I will definitely be leaving my cash there from now on. I hope all the readers will see that this is obviously a caring family in business and I would hope you all will do the same.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Rabchak
Carstairs, AB

Ban smoking in public places

Dear Editor,

A couple of years ago, the state of California banned smoking in all restaurants and bars. There was a major outcry from these business owners over the possible decline of customers, but it never happened.

People still came, and at long last the people working in those places didn't have to suffer through eight hours of second-hand smoke. People still smoke, but do it in their homes or outside and away from others. Nobody's rights were taken away.

As a former resident of Cochrane, AB there is no doubt in my mind that town, and everywhere else, should do likewise. Raising an outcry over violation of rights is ludicrous.

Whose rights are really being violated when someone smokes in any confined place? Second-hand smoke is a very real health risk. Take into consideration what is being released here: a huge variety of carcinogens, radioactive elements and poisonous compounds. Why do public smokers think it's a "right" to take such dangerous

compounds into a confined place and release them on other people? If I took a radioactive plutonium rod from a nuclear reactor or a vial of anthrax and waved it around a restaurant or bar I would be arrested and locked up for years. The scale might be smaller, but cigarette and cigar smoke is the exact same thing, with the end result being the same: cancers, lung ailments, tumours, etc.

This is not an issue over banning smoking. It is about having more respect for people who have taken the time to take care of themselves who also might want to go out for an evening. That area outside the exit sign is a lot bigger and better-ventilated than any restaurant or bar can ever manage. If smokers can't see the importance of controlling a habit that harms more than just themselves, then it's all about greed and me-first values, not an infringement on personal rights.

Sincerely,
Vincent Stenseth
Marina del Ray,
California, USA

Have compassion for small animals around the house

Dear Editor,

The more the little creature struggled, the worse his plight became. His feet were stuck to the floor by the thick glue he had stepped in, so it hurt to move his legs. And it was getting hard to breathe. After many hours of suffering, he died from suffocation, dehydration, stress and injury.

This is the painful fate of mice or rats that are caught in devices called glue boards or glue traps. Commonly sold in hardware departments, these devices consist of a piece of cardboard covered with a very sticky, glue-like substance, sometimes with an added scent to attract rodents. They don't require setting and they can catch more than one animal at a time.

The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies urges the public not to use these terribly cruel traps and asks retailers not to stock them. Although many people consider mice and rats to be pests, they are living beings that can suffer and feel pain.

Mice and rats have adapted very successfully to living in close proximity to humans, and indeed thrive in a completely indoor environment. However, they can do considerable damage and may carry diseases and parasites that can be harmful to people and pets. It is therefore advisable to address the situation when a mouse or rat invasion occurs in a residential building.

When wild animals come into our homes, we must remember that simply removing these animals doesn't solve the problem, since other animals will make their way in through the same holes. All entry points must be sealed up. With mice, this presents quite a challenge because the animals are so small. Mice can squeeze through openings the size of a dime and are superb climbers and jumpers.

Another difficulty with mice compared to other types of wildlife is that it is next to impossible to get them to leave voluntarily. For this reason, and because mice are such prolific breeders, trapping is often the only effective solution. Live trapping and release outside can be attempted if the traps are monitored frequently and the climate is suitable, although house mice

are not adapted to living in the wild, so they may not survive. Deer mice, however, are native species and generally prefer to live outside in burrows.

In most circumstances, quick killing snap traps are the most effective and humane method of solving a mouse invasion. The traps should be in good working condition to ensure a quick and humane death. They should be discarded after several uses as the spring may weaken and cause intense suffering and a lingering death.

The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies encourages homeowners to have compas-

sion and respect for all animals, even those that are unwelcome guests in their homes. Wild animals are all opportunists seeking food and shelter to survive. If we don't provide them access to these things, then we can minimize conflicts with them.

For more information on solving conflicts with wild animals, CFHS has developed the Living With Urban Wildlife series. Factsheets are available on raccoons, squirrels, skunks, mice, rats and pigeons. Call toll free at 1-888-678-CFHS.

Sincerely,
The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies




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AUCTION SALE

For the benefit of the
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**Friday,
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7:00 p.m.**





To be held at the shop of
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- An extensive line of new Avon products
- Gift certificates by local merchants
- New merchandise donated by local merchants
- Used furniture, appliances, kitchenware, dishes, etc.
- Sports equipment (new & used)
- Office equipment & room dividers, work stations
- Lawn equipment, fertilizer, tools, ornaments
- Many, many more items too numerous to mention...

Sale conducted by the Didsbury Museum and will be held in an area complete with seats & heating.



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**100 short stories of encouragement
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"Ponderings of the Heart" appears weekly in The Didsbury Review.

Transfer stations still going ahead

By Nicole Smith

Recently a wrench has been attempted to be thrown into the wheels of progress for two new transfer stations to be placed in Didsbury and Carstairs.

Approval was given to the stations at the regular meeting of the Mountain View Regional Solid Waste Authority in mid-November, pending approval of Alberta Environment.

Apparently, a letter was received from the Sundre member of the authority, stating that he didn't vote on this matter and now wishes the motion of the authority to be declared invalid.

At the meeting, when the chairman called for a vote it appeared unanimous, and therefore didn't ask for opposition.

Wes Yeoman, Director of Engineering and Operational Services for the Town of Didsbury and a member of the authority, says that this request is being ignored.

"The opinion of the rest of the authority is that we're still going ahead," he said. "The project hasn't been delayed at all."

Yeoman says that it is not the rule of order at such a meeting to just not vote and then

present a letter after the fact.

He says that only five of the six members must agree on an issue to have a quorum, which the authority had on this matter, and that the Sundre member is trying to make it sound like there wasn't a quorum.

"We just don't understand where he's coming from," Yeoman said. "The bottom line is that the meeting was conducted properly."

Yeoman says that the Sundre member obviously has a reason to be against the transfer stations, but that he should have expressed it at the meeting.

"It really caught everyone by surprise."

Yeoman says that the only thing slowing down the progress of the two transfer stations is Alberta Environment's decision on the matter.

"We're waiting on Alberta Environment and not the Town of Sundre," Yeoman said.

"The authority is a body of all communities and you can't always get a unanimous vote and sometimes you just have to go with the majority."

Yeoman says that the feedback the authority has received from Alberta Environment has been very positive and hopes a decision will be made in their favour in the near future.

Midnight Madness expected to be the best ever

By Nicole Smith

The beautiful Christmas decorations along Main Street are suggesting that it's that time of year again for Midnight Madness here in Didsbury.

If you are looking for something to do on the evening of Friday, Dec. 3, you can head downtown to shop till you drop, visit with friends, and revel in that "Olde Tyme Christmas Experience," that only Didsbury can offer.

There are many events planned for this evening in addition to all the great deals you can expect from our local merchants.

The Didsbury Aquatic Centre will be holding its first ever Dive In Movie, where a movie will be projected onto a large screen on the north wall of the pool so that people can swim while they watch. The first showing will be a Disney movie from 5-8 p.m. The second movie, from 8-11 p.m. will be the original Jaws. The cost is \$6 per show and tickets are available at DAC now or at the door.

If the fresh air is more your style, you can enjoy at horse-drawn wagon ride around town. There is no cost for this event and the horses will be running all evening long. You can hop on a wagon at Victoria Square Mall and enjoy this winter evening.

For the more artistic at heart, you can check out work done by local artists Cindi Mawle and Dave Blazenko at an art show at Victoria Square Mall.

A mini-trade show is planned for that evening in the Elks Hall and the Freeman building (the old D&M Clothesline shop). This show will feature booths by Mary Kay Cosmetic, Mercer's Mercantile, Tupperware and many, many more businesses.

If you're in the mood for flying, you can check out over 15 model airplanes made by the Didsbury RC Fun Flyers club in Victoria Square Mall.

It's not a big deal if you forget to eat supper before heading downtown, as many different organizations will be offering many different snacks.

You can grab a bag of free popcorn from the Didsbury Youth Club at the Victoria Square Mall or a hot bowl of chili from our local cadets at the Elks Hall. The First Didsbury Venturers will be dishing out beef on a bun at Eldon Foote Hall in the Train Station and if something sweet is what you're after, grab a bag of cotton candy from the Beavers and Cubs at the same location.

Don't worry about not having something fun for the kids to do, because that's all been taken care of.

Children can take part in Kids Ceramic Christmas Ornament Painting in the Freeman building and make something to decorate the tree with.

At Eldon Foote Hall, Storytime with Santa will be held earlier in the evening. Children must be registered for these short sessions a little bit ahead of time.

Also, Bedtime Stories will be read at the library along with a warm drink.

After all your Christmas shopping is completed, you can have it gift wrapped at the Freeman building by members of the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church Youth Group for a minimal charge.

While you're downtown, don't forget to enter the Turkey Draw for your chance to win a free turkey for the holidays. Draws for the turkeys will be made on Dec. 6.

Also, the draw for the Rosebud Health Foundation Nativity Raffle will be made on this evening at their booth in the mini-trade show.

So, head down to Main Street this Friday and enjoy the carollers, decorations and ambience of an "Olde Tyme Christmas Experience" in Didsbury.



RCMP Notes



B&E suspects sought

Didsbury RCMP are seeking public assistance in locating suspects responsible for a break, enter and theft at the Carstairs CDM Pharmacy on Wednesday, October 27, 1999 in the early morning hours. The suspects tried to jimmy the front door of the store unsuccessfully and then used a blunt instrument to smash out the front door window. They climbed into the building and then went through the store to the rear pharmacy. The store was ransacked and a small amount of cash and drugs taken. The suspects then broke out through the rear door. The day previous, staff noted two males in the store acting suspiciously. They didn't appear to be local from the Carstairs area. They are described as follows:

Suspect 1 - white male, 5'10" tall, shaved head (appears dark haired). Wearing an earring, jean jacket, black jeans

Suspect 2 - white male, 5'8" tall, dark brown hair - short to medium length. Wearing solid coloured toque, black sweater with hood.

Anyone with information on this or any other crime is asked to call Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-922-TIPS (8477) or Didsbury Detachment. Callers are anonymous and are eligible for cash awards of up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest of those responsible.

Mysterious death

The RCMP Innisfail Detachment is still investigating the sudden death of Richard Raymond Bowland, age 42, of Penhold, AB.

On Nov. 27, 1999, between the hours of 12:40 a.m. and 1 a.m., the victim was injured in the parking lot of the Highwayman Motor Inn in Innisfail, AB. He was transported to the Innisfail Health Care Centre where he was later pronounced dead.

Innisfail Detachment is receiving assistance from the RCMP Major Crimes Unit from Calgary and the General Investigation Section from Red Deer.

Police are asking for assistance from anyone that might have knowledge of this incident. They can contact Innisfail Detachment at (403) 227-3342 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Crack down on impaired drivers

There's a tougher attitude in Alberta, an attitude that won't stand for drinking and driving.

Two changes signal this toughened attitude: a 10-year window instead of five for monitoring repeat drinking and driving offences, and the Administrative Licence Suspension (ALS) program. The result will be harsher consequences for drivers caught drinking and driving.

"We talked to Albertans and we talked to the Provincial Impaired Driving Committee. The results of these extensive consultations are tougher consequences that are swift, certain and severe," said Infrastructure Minister Ed Stelmach.

Highlights of today's announcements are:

Monitoring of repeat offenders:

- We will monitor repeat offenders for 10 years instead of five. A first, second, and third conviction within a 10-year period will receive a one, three or five year suspension and associated interventions.

ALS program:

- an immediate suspension of your driver's licence

- an automatic three-month driver's licence suspension or disqualification for drivers charged with providing a breath or blood sample more than .08 or refusing to give a breath or blood sample

- an automatic six month driver's licence suspension or dis-

qualification if the offence results in bodily harm or death.

- Alberta is the only jurisdiction that has instituted this increased penalty for a more serious impaired driving offence causing injury or death

- a 21-day temporary permit to allow the driver to set his or her affairs in order will be granted in both cases.

The Canada Safety Council estimates that there are 16 million incidents of drunk driving every year in Canada. This suggests that there are many more incidents of impaired driving than there are charges laid.

"The numbers make it clear that drinking and driving continues to be a serious issue that requires tougher laws and regulations aimed at reducing the problem," said Dave Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

"The fact is, losing your licence automatically is an effective deterrent that makes people less likely to drink and drive - ALS takes impaired drivers off the road and keeps them off the road longer."

Drinking and driving is a deadly combination, killing about 100 people a year in Alberta. In 1998, more than one in five drivers involved in fatal collisions had consumed alcohol, making alcohol use a leading factor in fatal crashes.

"Impaired drivers are tough on Albertans and Alberta's po-

lice now have a new tool to be tough on impaired drivers," said Chief John LaFlamme, President, Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police.

"I congratulate the government of Alberta on today's announcement. ALS gives Alberta's enforcement agencies a new tool to remove drunks from our roadways."

"This is a very good day for People Against Impaired Driving (PAID)," said president Eloise Leckie. "We've worked long and hard to have ALS introduced in Alberta to aid in the fight against impaired driving. In cooperation with Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta's enforcement agencies and organizations like Students Against Drinking and Driving and Mothers Against Drunk Driving, we will continue to explore a broad range of measures to address this serious problem."

Stelmach noted tougher impaired driving legislation cannot work alone. Laws need to be coupled with strong enforcement and public information and education in order to increase safety on Alberta roads and reduce injuries and deaths due to drinking and driving.

By moving quickly on this legislation rather than waiting for full proclamation of the Traffic Safety Act, we are sending a strong signal that impaired driving will not be tolerated in Alberta.

Lifestyles

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Seniors receive a helping hand with their shopping

By Colleen Horrigan

Meet Tracy McDuff. She's a mentally handicapped woman who has lived in Didsbury for about the past six years. For five of those years, she has been providing a much-needed and appreciated service to some of the seniors in town by doing their grocery shopping for them.

Assisted by a regular daytime home care worker, Gemma Kelsall, McDuff does grocery deliveries two days a week.

McDuff currently has about eight regular clients, but the number has been as high as 15. The service is completely free to the seniors, but McDuff does get paid by AG Foods for her work.

Al Schneider, manager of AG Foods, says that he was ap-

proached by Padnoma Support Services, the agency that supports McDuff, with the idea five years ago and he thought it was a cause worthy of the support and cooperation of AG Foods.

"I think it's a real asset for our seniors," Schneider said. "I don't want to lose this, we want this group to continue."

McDuff, who is now in her late thirties and has been handicapped her whole life, is paid \$3 per grocery order over \$50, \$2 per order under \$50, and \$1 for orders that are delivery only - that is, the seniors go to the store and shop for their own groceries, but McDuff delivers them to their homes.

This may not sound like a lot, but as Kelsall points out,



Tracy McDuff rings the doorbell at the Pedersen's house to let them know their weekly groceries have arrived. Although her handicap causes her to be considered non-verbal, McDuff definitely understands when Mrs. Pedersen promises her cookies next week.

Photos by Colleen Horrigan

they can do up to three large orders an hour. When asked what she planned to buy with the money she earned, McDuff replied "pop".

Every Tuesday and Friday morning, McDuff and Kelsall accept grocery orders over the phone. They then go to AG Foods and pick up the items. All the groceries are put through the register and a receipt is made, which they take with them to the seniors' houses. The groceries are dropped off and the seniors make out a cheque to AG Foods in the amount that is on the receipt, then McDuff and Kelsall take the cheque back to the store. In all, Kelsall says they are spending up to eight hours a week on the task.

Myrtle Pedersen, her husband, and their handicapped son have been living in Didsbury for almost 20 years, and have been taking advantage of the convenient grocery service from its beginning five years ago.

Pedersen says the service has been a tremendous help.

"When these two girls are on, they pick up everything just right," Pedersen said. "I just don't know what I would do without grocery delivery."

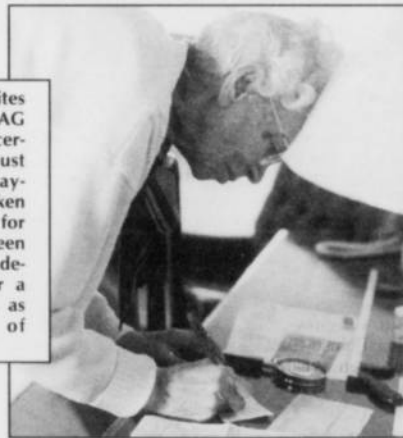
Kelsall says that she and

McDuff could definitely handle more clients - on some Fridays they don't receive any grocery orders. For more information or to make use of the grocery service, call Gemma at 335-4349 Tuesdays and Fridays between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



McDuff and Kelsall check items off their list as they fill the cart with groceries. McDuff pushes the cart while Kelsall grabs each item off the shelf.

Audrey Taylor writes out a cheque to AG Foods for the groceries McDuff has just delivered. The payment was then taken back to the store for Taylor. She has been using the grocery delivery service for a number of years, as have most of McDuff's clients.



Museum Musings: Banquet a success this year

By Marg Weaver

The Elks Hall was decked out in Christmas "finery" for the annual banquet put on by the Museum staff. As usual an excellent meal was served. We had many compliments on the food.

Door prizes were donated by local merchants Didsbury Drugs, Ward Value Drug Mart, The Tea Cozy, Didsbury Dry Cleaners, Mel Dyck and the Museum.

The sun bonnet quilt given to us by Mary Pratt was put

into a silent auction. The successful bidder was Mrs. Ray Lea. We appreciate the bidders, these events help to make the museum self-sufficient.

The next event is another auction to be held at the mini storage on the night of "Midnight Madness" on Dec. 3. Contact Harry Penner at Didsbury Mini Storage for more information.

The quilt squares are almost ready for assembly so we will get into that as soon as

the Christmas festivities are all over.

Our plan is to have it completed for its first showing at the Trade Fair in April.

When the squares have been put on the base, we will put it on a quilting frame. We will then invite you to come and help us do the quilting. Maybe we can have a couple of "quilting bees".

My husband and I will be acting as Santa's Helpers at the train station during Midnight Madness.

We have been doing this for the last three years and we really enjoy doing it and being with the children. This year we will start at 6 p.m. with Santa and Mrs. Claus telling stories and singing with the children.

The museum will again host the tea on the day of the Heritage Tour on Dec. 11.

Come and meet Margaret Fradley, author of "Ponderings of the Heart". I'm sure you all look forward to the weekly articles, as I do. The tea is

included in your ticket for the Tour.

We're starting our school visits again this year.

The teachers bring their students over to see the museum, spend some time in the classroom exhibit, sitting in the old desks their grandparents used to sit in.

We have just as much fun as the children on these visits, and it's a way for them to get familiar with the history of their home and district.

See you at the Heritage Tea.



The upside of downtime

By Marilyn Logan

Duplicate or competitive bridge differs considerably from traditional kitchen bridge. In order to enjoy this form of bridge, the competitive spirit has to reign high, your memory has to be razor sharp and a killer instinct has to be part of your agenda.

The first time I played in a bridge tournament I didn't realize that these qualities were necessary to play competitively. I had played with the girls for years and considered myself to be a fairly respectable player. Upon arrival at the auditorium where this tournament was to be held, I looked at the throng of people waiting to be seated at their tables. They looked disarmingly innocent. Little old ladies sat sipping tea. Bald jolly men patted each other on the back and enquired about families.

Some of the younger players lounged casually, reading newspapers. Who could be nervous in an atmosphere as congenial as this?

As the playing began I soon realized that friendliness was the farthest thing from the minds of these players once they arrived at the tables. They were here to win. No doubt about it. Cunning and concentration were paramount.

At the first table the bidding proved to be challenging. We were playing against two deceptively harmless looking older gentlemen. As I pondered my next bid I looked at one of the gentlemen and noticed that he had unleashed his upper plate so that his false teeth dangled precariously between his lips. I was mesmerized. I couldn't decide whether to laugh or be totally disgusted. Without batting an eye he quickly slurped them back into place in lizard-like fashion. This devious tactic worked. I totally lost my concentration and couldn't for the life of me remember how the bidding had progressed. That old codger had outwitted me. I made an error in my bidding and we lost the hand resoundingly. The man, dentures now firmly in place, just grinned.

Another distraction occurred as we started bidding with new partners at the fourth table. Nature called loudly. I wiggled, squirmed, bit my lip and sat on the edge of my chair to try to alleviate the symptoms. My partner sensed my predicament and whispered across the table, "Just wait. You can go between tables." Between tables?! Now that was outrageous! I played my hands rapidly heedless of winning or losing just to finish the round. Then I made a quick dash for the powder room. The next table would just have to wait. Some things in life are more important than cards.

The old pros at this game have developed enormous powers of concentration. When I returned to the next table and the bidding had begun once again, I glanced over at a nearby smokers' table. Suddenly I noticed that the cellophane wrapping from a cigarette package had been ignited by a discarded cigarette. A fire was burning furiously in the ashtray. Everyone at the table was oblivious to this fact. I leaned over to the table. "Excuse me," I stammered. I was ignored. I tried again. "Excuse me, but your table's on fire." With barely a glance from her cards, one of the ladies at the table poured her coffee onto the fire. The playing continued without a word or a second glance at the ashtray. Now that is concentration.

I don't know if I will ever develop the guile and concentration needed to be an expert at this game. Maybe age and observation will hone my skills. One thing I know for sure though is that I will never try to distract an opponent by flashing dentures.

Moral: Some card sharks can make you feel like a real dummy.

Ross Ford report



T'is the season ...

The Christmas season is upon us and the students and staff of Ross Ford are once again working together to put on a White Elephant Sale.

This is an important fund-raiser for the Christmas Helpers program. All money raised from the sale is donated to help children and their families in Didsbury have a nicer Christmas.

Parents, please help your children choose used items that are clean and in good condition to bring to the sale. Anyone else wishing to donate items can drop them off at the school office next week.

Parent volunteers are needed to help sort and price the items for the sale, which is on Dec. 9 and is open to Ross Ford students only. Gifts can be purchased at a minimal cost and it gives everyone a wonderful chance to clean out closets and get into the spirit of the season. Anyone wishing to volunteer, contact your child's teacher.

Home Buying Tip:

Clean, clean, clean! Make your home really sparkle, because home buyers equate clean with well-cared for homes. To help your home sell faster and easier, there are two essential areas to pay special attention to. Call me for details.



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Words from Westglen

By Jessica Romanow

Now with volleyball season over, basketball tryouts have started. This year the coaches are Mrs. Aggarwal and Mrs. Lefebvre for the girls' A team, Mr. Miller is coaching the boys and Mr. Green is going to coach the girls' B team.

The Grade 7 and 8 band students are fundraising for their camp Caroline trip. They are selling Poinsettia plants and fresh Evergreen wreaths. They will be delivered to the school at the band concert. The band concert is open to the public and will be on Thursday, Dec. 9.

The Library is running a reading contest to promote the reading of the fiction books in our library. It will be conducted on a database on our school's on-line server. Students put their information about their favourite books on a database and a winner will be drawn for the Book-of-the-Month. There will also be another Scholastic Book Fair from Dec. 7-13. Books may be purchased Tuesday evening from 5-8 p.m. and Thursday, the evening of the band concert, until 9 p.m. Come do your Christmas shopping and help raise money for Library books and materials. Our coming events: Dec. 3 - Rollerland trip, annual Food Drive, and Dec. 9 - Christmas Band Concert.



GRAND TOUR
The Grade 3A students
from Ross Ford got a
guided tour of the
Museum last Thursday.

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SALE BY SEALED TENDER OF COMMERCIAL TIMBER PERMITS CATEGORY 6 OPEN CONIFEROUS

The sale of 3 green coniferous sawlog Commercial Timber Permits will be held by SEALED TENDER at the office of the Forest Area Manager, Sundre Ranger Station in Sundre, Alberta on Wednesday, December 8, 1999 at 2:00 p.m.

Bidders must have resided within the residency area for the past 12 months preceding the first day of his/her application. All bidders must pre-register at the office of the Forest Area Manager, Sundre Ranger Station in Sundre, Alberta by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 1999 to be eligible to bid at this sale.

Sealed Tenders will be accepted at the office of the Forest Area Manager, Sundre Ranger Station in Sundre, Alberta until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 8, 1999.

Qualifying deposit must be submitted for each sealed tender and must be submitted at the time of tender submission. Qualifying deposits in the form of cash, certified cheque, bank draft or money order payable to the Provincial Treasurer will be accepted for all permits until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 8, 1999 at the office of the Forest Area Manager, Sundre Ranger Station in Sundre, Alberta. Cash deposits brought in prior to December 8, 1999 will be required to be deposited in the bank and bidders would have to wait three to six weeks to get their deposit refunded if they were unsuccessful in obtaining a permit. No Sealed Tenders or deposits will be accepted after 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 8, 1999.

These permits are located within portions of Twp 34, Rge 07, W5th Meridian.

The green coniferous sawlog permits range in the volume from approximately 584m³ to 1293m³.

The green coniferous timber is suitable for the manufacture of lumber and other forest products but no warranty is given as to the quantity or quality of the timber.

The Minister may, in his discretion, reject any or all bids for this sale.

Only those parties who have submitted a completed application and have qualified will be allowed to participate in the sale. Only one sealed tender from each eligible applicant will be accepted for each permit.

For further information such as sale procedures and general conditions, apply at the office of the Forest Area Manager, Clearwater Forest Area, Sundre Area, Sundre, Alberta. Telephone (403) 638-3805.

A.H. Butch Shenfield
Forest Area Manager
Clearwater Forest Area
Parkland Region

Around the Circle: Didsbury's December events

Wed. Dec. 1: The Community Bus meeting scheduled for tonight, has been postponed until Wed. Dec. 8 and will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse. All interested groups invited to attend.

Wed. Dec. 1: The monthly meeting of the Didsbury Ag Society will be held at the Curling Rink at 7:30 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 3: The Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary and the Residents will hold the Annual Tea and Bazaar in the Assembly Room at the Hospital from 2-4 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Fri. Dec. 3: The Seniors Dance will be held at the 5-0 Club from 8-10:30 p.m. Lunch is

served, the music is wonderful for listening and dancing, come and enjoy.



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Fri. Dec. 3: This is Midnight Madness night in Didsbury, featuring Santa at the Train Station, wagon rides, a mini

trade show at Elks Hall, the R.C. Fun Flyers Club at the Victoria Square Mall, open fires and hot chocolate to warm up to and the downtown will be beautifully lit with all the new decorations. There will be turkey draws and great discounts at all

stores. See you uptown!

Sat. Dec. 4: The Mountain View Colts play tonight against Airdrie at 8 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena. Your support for the team will be appreciated.

Tues. Dec. 7: The Christian Women's Club "Beary Best Tea" is being held at the 5-0 Club from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Feature: "Beary Cute Things" by Ribbons and Bow's Mary Wirth. Music: Grr-eat Tunes by Loewen Sisters from Carstairs. Speaker: Paws-tive Thoughts by Elva Kenyon substitute teacher, traveller, volunteer from Whitecourt. Reservations are essential, cancellations necessary. For reservations or rides, please phone Ethel 335-4739 or Nancy 337-3200. A complimentary nursery is provided by the

Women's Club. Invite a friend, they'll be glad you did.

Tues. Dec. 7: Dr. Nugent, foot specialist, will be at the 5-0 Club from 12:30-4 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Wed. Dec. 8: The Community Bus Committee will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse. All interested groups most welcome to attend.

Thurs. Dec. 9: From 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall, the Home Help Services Association will meet. Volunteers most welcome, more information by phoning 335-8689.

Thurs. Dec. 9: All Curling Club Executive members are reminded of the meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Curling Rink.

Thurs. Dec. 9: The annual meeting and pot luck supper of the Didsbury and District Light Horse Association is being held at the Westcott Hall at 7 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 10: This is Family Fun Curling Night at the Didsbury Curling Club from 7-9 p.m. Please register with Barry Lunt at 335-3086 or Bob Montieth 335-9716. Meet new families, curl and have fun.

Sat. Dec. 11: The tour of Didsbury's Historic Houses will be held today, one tour at 10 a.m. and the other at 2 p.m. There are seven homes added to the tour and you can have tea and goodies at the Museum. Tickets are on sale at Ribbons and Bow and Didsbury Drugs. My advice is to get your ticket early.

Sat. Dec. 11: The Colts are home to the West Country Team at 8 p.m. This is the last home game until Jan. 8, 2000.

Mon. Dec. 13: The Chamber of Commerce will meet at the 5-0 Club socializing at 6:30 p.m., Annual General Meeting at 7 p.m. sharp and entertainment at 7:30 p.m.

If you haven't picked up your tickets for Theatre Didsbury's two dinner theatres at the Complex and the Pub Nite, I would advise you to do so now as they are going fast. Tables can be reserved for the dinner theatres on Sat. Dec. 11 and Sat. Dec. 18,

doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m. with a dance to follow. The Pub Nite is Fri. Dec. 17, doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Mountain View Sports, more information from Derek 335-4777 or Tony 335-3477.

Dec. 21, 22, 23: The live Nativity by members of the Redeemer Lutheran Church congregation will start each night at 7:45 p.m. This is always such a beautiful story of Christmas, and the crowds are huge no matter what the weather brings, so dress accordingly and you will thoroughly enjoy it.

Christmas Day Dec. 25: The annual Christmas dinner will be held at 1 p.m. at Elks Hall. If you will be spending the day alone, if you as a family or a couple will be by yourselves for dinner, come and join the others from the community and visit. Everyone is asked to bring a gift for the exchange, the dinner is free.

If you would like to volunteer with the Christmas Helpers program, sorting and wrapping gifts on Dec. 21 at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, also to help pack the Christmas Hampers, please phone Linda Sirt at 335-4832 or 335-2378 or the church office at 335-3629.

Happy New Year to all! Bring in the New Year at the New Year's Eve Dance at the Elks Hall.

Chamber of Commerce notes

By Marge St. Clair

Introduction of members and guests: Claude Baril noted new businesses Echo Music, Didsbury Photo and welcomed Steve Fillmore of Clarica as a new member this month.

Membership spotlight: Mr. Colin Webb of Webb's Bulk Foods in Victoria Square Mall. He chose to start a business here because of the small-town atmosphere and close proximity to larger centres for delivery purposes. He notes that cleanliness is essential for success. Webb is now a resident of Didsbury, and said that sales, selection and customer base have increased in the past year and he enjoys being in the community.

Committee reports: Trade show April 1 and 2, 2000.

Midnight Madness report by co-chair Allen Reed: Committee meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m., volunteers welcome. "Skyline" (a large hanging centerpiece decoration to be hung across a street) will be put up at 20 St. and 20 Ave. corner.

The Committee has decided to rent the Freeman building to double the size of the mini trade show, there will be 26 tables available. Contact Dave Mohr 335-3265 or Claude at 335-3066 to book a table.

Main Street Program report by Dave Mohr: the Household Thrift Shop is a good example for 1999, the summer of 2000 will be the last summer for the Main Street Project. The Millennium Funding Application was denied for the Elevator Project.

Town of Didsbury report by Evan Parliament: Didsbury, England and Didsbury, AB, Canada - what will be involved to twin the two communities. The Community Leaders Partnership Program, twinning with a Western Canadian Town has been applied for.

The RCMP open house on Nov. 6 was a success. Council retreat is being held in Canmore Nov. 15-17. Parliament thanked Mr. Bill Cowan for his perseverance in meeting with Health Minister Halvar Jonson regarding our health care facility and Jonson's tour of our facility. The plans for the Multi Purpose Room at the Complex are still moving ahead and will be implemented by 2002 or sooner, plans are

there for viewing.

T.E.C.B.D. report by Bill Cowan: Items included the twinning with Didsbury, England, signage in Mountain View County. If you would like to become a member of this Board, please contact Myrna Grimm or Bill Cowan. For the full-day workshop on a marketing plan for tourism by Mr. Bill Ozard of Travel Alberta took, the Chamber was represented by Beverly Pentz. Rosebud Health Foundation tickets are available.

Alberta Chamber: Loretta Copeman attended the Alberta Chamber's Board of Directors meeting. A written report from the Policy Breakfast meeting is available at the Chamber office.

Membership: There are 76 members to date, the 2000 memberships are available and due on Jan. 1, 2000.

Mountain View County: Baril welcomed Mr. Dave Derksen to the Chamber meeting and mentioned that the membership looks forward to the county's participation and reports in the future.

Old Business:

Audit - B. Fleming noted that a group would be doing this in the near future.

Banners - Dave Mohr noted that the drawings are being done up and the colour mock-ups will be complete by the end of Dec. for the membership to approve. Christmas banners were put up Nov. 12.

Chambers/Municipal Partnership:

Baril noted that the Chambers and Municipal Representatives from Carstairs, Crossfield, Cremona, Sundre and Didsbury

met at the 5-0 Club for informal discussions. Many items were discussed but the one major concern was regarding the proposed industrial park to be developed between Highways 2 and 2A near Carstairs and Crossfield. All present felt that there was a need for better communication with Mountain View County. Councillor Dave Derksen replied that there are certain issues which they would like dialogue with the municipalities on including multi-lot subdivisions, subdivision future densities and joint agreements.

Home and Garden Show 2000: Rhonda Hunter is in charge of this, if you need information, schedules, or to book working times, contact Rhonda at 335-7364. Be professional and well-informed.

New Business:

1. The "Faxback" Corporate Tax Reduction. A copy on the back of the agenda.

2. 2000 Budget Approval. Budget will be available at the Dec. annual meeting for approval.

3. Central Alberta Economic Partnership - a professional day at Olds College will sponsor two individuals, Judi Newsome and one other person.

December Christmas Party: this will be the annual general meeting, Bill Cowan will chair the nominating committee - all chairs are open and six to eight directors.

Next general meeting will be Monday, Dec. 13 at the 5-0 Club with socializing at 6:30 p.m., the annual general meeting at 7 p.m. sharp and entertainment at 7:30 p.m.

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The Christmas Season is approaching and we at Mountain View Funeral Chapels realize that the holiday season may be one of the most difficult times for families that have recently lost a loved one.

Remembering that grief shared is grief diminished, we would like to assist you by holding a "Candle Light Memorial Service" on December 6, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. from the Royal Canadian Legion, 5241 46 St., Olds.

The service will be conducted by members of the clergy from the surrounding area, making this an inter-denominational service.

There is no charge for admission however, reservations are required by calling Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Olds 556-3223, Didsbury 335-4773, Three Hills 443-5111, and Trochu 442-4388.



CHRISTMAS AND HORSES...

Is there someone in your house who would be delighted to receive a "Riding Lesson Package" from Santa? The perfect gift for the horse-lover?

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556-2734

Legion events

By Marge St. Clair

Special events:

Sun. Dec. 5 - Turkey Bingo, doors open at 6 p.m. with satellite bingo at 9 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 12 - Children's Christmas party at 12 noon, Santa arrives at 2 p.m. Free hot dogs, chocolate milk and coffee.

Fri. Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Party cocktails 5:30 p.m. dinner 6:30 p.m. dance 8:30 p.m. (Irish Connection). Party favours and midnight lunch.

Entertainment for December:

Dec. 3, 4 - Kim Cote

Dec. 10, 11 - Sam Hill

Dec. 17, 18 - Irish Connection

Dec. 31 - Irish Connection

Senior's luncheon Dec. 16.

Executive meeting Dec. 14.

October early bird membership winner was Irene Scheunert.

Sports:

Mondays: Shuffleboard 1 p.m. Cribbage 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bingo 7:15 p.m. Darts 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Bridge 7:30 p.m.

Fridays: Trivia 6 p.m.

Saturdays: Meat Draws and Horse Races 4:30 p.m.

Please note: the Legion will be closed Sat. Dec. 25, Mon. Dec. 27 and Sat. Jan. 1.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Great Kids Awards

Know any great kids? Nomination forms are now available for the Great Kids Awards and all Albertans are encouraged to nominate a deserving child or youth.

The awards, announced by Premier Klein at the Children's Forum in October, will recognize children and youth ages 5-18 who contribute positively to their families and communities. Nomination forms can be obtained from schools, libraries, MLA offices, local Child and Family Services Authorities and Alberta Children's Services. The nomination deadline is Dec. 17, 1999.

Sixteen awards will be presented at the Alberta Legislature in February 2000, to coincide with Family Day.

PROTECTING AND IMPROVING THE HEALTH SYSTEM

Report to Albertans

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA - FALL 1999

Proposed health legislation will mean better service, more choice

On November 16, Premier Ralph Klein went on television to discuss an important new law that will establish Alberta's commitment to a publicly funded and publicly administered health system and enshrine Alberta's commitment to the principles of the Canada Health Act. The proposed law will be introduced in the spring 2000 Session of the Legislature.

The premier stressed that government is "firmly committed to the principles of the Canada Health Act." In outlining the details of the legislation, Premier Klein added, "there will be no two-tiered American-style health system; no American-style for-profit hospitals in Alberta and only one publicly funded health system."

In addition to protecting the existing system, the new law will help to improve access to surgical services, improve efficiency and reduce waiting lists.

A full policy statement outlining the principles of the legislation is now available. Albertans are encouraged to call the number listed below to get a copy of the information and a text of the premier's address.

Protecting the principles of the health system

The new health legislation will preserve and protect the fundamental principles of our health system and will be based on the ideas of universality, accessibility and excellence. The principles are:

- 1 All Albertans will have fair and equitable access to insured services through a publicly funded and publicly administered health system.
- 2 No Albertan will pay for medically necessary surgical services.
- 3 There will be no private hospitals outside of the public health system, no two-tiered health system and no paying for faster service.
- 4 Regional Health Authorities will remain responsible for surgical services.
- 5 Private providers may operate only under contract or agreement with a Regional Health Authority and only within the principles of the Canada Health Act.
- 6 Contracts with private providers will occur only if those contracts will improve access for Albertans, increase efficiency or reduce waiting lists.

Why does Alberta need this new legislation?

Improved Access

Reduced Waiting Lists

The proposed legislation would meet the following needs:

- Protect Albertans by prohibiting two-tiered health care and American-style private hospitals.
- Protect the publicly funded health system by restricting or controlling private health facilities.
- Promote new and innovative ways to improve access, reduce waiting lists, and increase efficiency and choice within the public system.
- Permit the health system to change to meet the needs of the increasing and aging population of Alberta.

Alberta's health system: where we are now

Last February's Health Summit recommended that government increase efforts to give Albertans more information on their health and health system. Therefore, all Albertans will now directly receive regular reports about plans and progress in the health system. The first report, ALBERTA'S HEALTH SYSTEM: WHERE WE ARE NOW, will be delivered to every home in Alberta starting the week of November 29th. Watch for it in your mail.



A strict process for contract approvals

Any privately operated surgical facility will need to meet strict and thorough requirements before any contracts are approved. Contracts will also require final approval from the Minister of Health and Wellness. The contract approval process will ensure that all private facilities:

- Comply with the Alberta Government's principles for the health system and the Canada Health Act;
- Are accredited by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta for all services to be provided;
- Demonstrate a clear public need for the services;
- Show that the service will clearly improve access to surgical procedures, reduce waiting lists and improve efficiency for Albertans;
- Prove that the service will be in the best interest of Albertans and the Alberta health system; and
- Comply with the requirement that there will be no facility fees or direct billing charged to Albertans for medically necessary services.

Alberta Connects

To get your copy of Premier Klein's remarks on improving Alberta's publicly funded health system, contact Alberta Connects toll free at 310-4455 or www.albertaconnects.gov.ab.ca. The government's policy statement released on November 17, outlining the principles that will guide the development of health care legislation is also available. Albertans are invited to get more information about their health system and provide their input before legislation is introduced in Spring 2000.

Call toll free with your comments or to get more information 310-4455 (Monday to Friday)

Toll free: 310-4455 Internet: (Information/Comments) www.albertaconnects.gov.ab.ca

Mail: Government of Alberta, PO Box 1333, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2N2

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Focus on the Family



James C. Dobson, PH. D., is founder and president of *Focus on the Family*, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Dr. Dobson is married, the father of two grown children, and resides in Colorado. For 14 years he was an associate clinical professor of pediatrics and the university of Southern California School of Medicine, and served for 17 years on the attending staff of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He has also been heavily involved in governmental activities relating to the preservation of the family.

QUESTION: My husband died two years ago, leaving me and our two children behind. I have met a wonderful man -- also a widower with two kids -- and we plan to marry. Where should we start to build our new family? And could you identify the issues that are likely to be most difficult for us?

DR. DOBSON: I would strongly suggest that you get some outside help as you bring your two families together. It is extremely difficult to do that on your own, and for some people, it is impossible. If you can afford professional counseling from a marriage, family and child counselor who has dealt with blended families, it would be wise to get that assistance. A pastor also might be able to guide you, although there are some tough relationship issues to be handled by a professional who has "been there" before.

One of your kids is likely to see your future husband as a usurper. When a mother or father dies or when a divorce occurs, one child often moves into the power vacuum left by the departing parent. That youngster becomes the surrogate spouse. I'm not referring to sexual matters; rather, that boy or girl becomes more mature than his or her years and relates to the remaining parent more as a peer. The status that comes with that supportive role is very seductive, and he or she is usually unwilling to give it up. The stepfather becomes a threat to that child. Much work must be done to bring them together.

The kids' loyalty to the memory of their dad is another issue that requires sensitive handling. In their eyes, to welcome the newcomer with open arms would be an act of betrayal. That's certainly understandable, and something that must be worked through with your children.

I would say the greatest problem you will face, however, is the way you and your husband will feel about your kids. Each of you is irrationally committed to your own; you're merely acquainted with the others. When fights and insults occur between the two sets of children, you will be tempted to be partial to those you brought into the world, and your husband will probably favor his own flesh and blood. The natural tendency is to let the blended family dissolve into armed camps -- us against them. If the kids sense any tension between you and your husband over their clashes, they will exploit and exaggerate it to gain power over the other children.

I have painted a worst-case scenario in order to prepare you for what could occur. Now let me encourage you. Many of these problems can be anticipated and lessened. Others can be avoided altogether. It is possible to blend families successfully and millions have done it. But the task is difficult, and you will need some help in pulling it off.

QUESTION: I am 21 and still at home. I am very comfortable there and plan to stay with my parents for a long time. Why not? Tell me why you think it is unwise to go on living where it is cheaper and easier than getting out on your own.

DR. DOBSON: There are individual situations when it makes sense to live with your parents for a longer time, and maybe yours is one of them. I would caution you, however, not to overstay your welcome. That would not be in your best interests or those of your folks. Remaining too long under the parents' roof is not unlike an unborn baby who refuses to leave the womb. He has every reason to stay a while. It is warm and cozy there. All his needs are met in that stress-free environment. He doesn't have to work or study or discipline himself.

But it would be crazy to stay beyond the nine months intended. He can't grow and learn without leaving the security of that place. His development will be arrested until he enters the cold world and takes a few whacks on his behind. It is to everyone's advantage, and especially to the welfare of his mother, that he slide on down the birth canal and get on with life.

So it is in young adulthood. Until you cut the umbilical cord and begin providing for yourself, you will remain in a state of arrested development. Remaining at home with Mom and Dad is the perpetuation of childhood. It may be time to put it behind you.

News from the Dragon's Den

As the month of December approaches, things are getting busy around the school.

The volleyball season has come to a close. We had a very successful year in volleyball at the school.

There was so much interest that we were able to have two extra teams representing our school this season. Here is a summary of how each of the teams did:

The Grade 9 Boys Volleyball Team won all of their league matches except the match against Koinonia. In their three tournaments they placed second in Innisfail and had an excellent run in the Didsbury JV event. Overall, the boys strengthened their skills, worked hard and had fun.

The Grade 9 Girls won the majority of their games. The league consisted of Carstairs, Cremona, Koinonia, and Olds. They had a tournament in Olds and took first place. It was a great season for them; they had a lot of fun and improved their skills greatly.

The JV Boys Volleyball Team had a difficult season with no league to play in. Through three tournaments and a couple of exhibition matches, the boys developed their skills and teamwork. The boys played in the zone tournament at Acme where they played their best volleyball of the season and ended with a bronze medal. They should be very proud of their accomplishments.

The JV Girls had an excellent year. The girls really worked hard all season and played well in their zone tournament. Counties were held on Friday, Nov. 19 at Deer Meadow in Olds. The girls played well and came in second overall.

Our Senior Boys Volleyball Team had a very competitive year.

They participated in tournaments in Acme, Three Hills, Strathmore, Carstairs, Drumheller and of course, our

own. They were ranked number one in 'AA' for the west side of Highway 2. Team members James Campbell, Jon Rose and Steven Redmond will be competing in the league All-Star Game in Hanna on Dec. 1. The game begins at 7:45 p.m. We wish these players well.

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Volleyball Team for a successful season.

The girls won all their league games, the Acme tournament, placed 2nd in the Dragon's Invitational, and finished 2nd in West Regionals. They participated in Zones and were edged out in the quarter-finals. They also have three players going to the All-Star Game in Hanna. Representing the DHS Senior Girls are Melissa Feenstra, Deanna van Dam and Lindsay Tainsh. Their game begins at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Good luck!

The Legal Studies students visited the Provincial Court, had a tour of the facilities and learned about the court system on Nov. 15 and 17. Constable V. Christensen explained to the students how court events would proceed, while a Crown prosecutor from Calgary and a local lawyer, Mr. Forestell, also discussed events with the students. The DHS law students appreciate the time that Constable Steve Woolnough and Constable Vaughn Christensen have spent working with them.

Constable Steve Woolnough was also in at the school on Tuesday, Nov. 23 to speak to Mrs. Petersen's CALM 20 class about the dangers of drinking and driving.

He spent some time talking

about the new drinking and driving regulations that will come into effect in the new year.

He also took the time to answer various questions from the students.

A note to all the grade 12 students - the health nurse will be at the school on Monday, Dec. 6 at 9:00 a.m. for the second immunization shot. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Didsbury Health Unit at 335-7292.

Telus is sponsoring an essay writing contest for Grade 11 students in Alberta and British Columbia.

Scholarship bonds totalling \$21,000 will be awarded to 18 winners for their post-secondary education.

To enter the contest, students must have at least a 70% average. The essay must be entitled "How does communication promote global understanding?" and must be no longer than 800 words. All requested information must be received (or post-marked) no later than March 31, 2000. For an application or more information please see Mr. Neuberger in the office.

The annual DHS Band Christmas "Tea and Dessert" Concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. in the Westglen Gymnasium. Beautiful music will be heard including the well-known piece Time to Say Goodbye composed by Andrea Bocelli and featuring voice solos by Amy Higgins and David Kosinski. Tea, coffee, juices and snacks will be served. The cost is \$2.50 per person or \$10 per family. Please come out, enjoy the music and support the Band Program.

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Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
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Rev. Robert Mohns
Church: 335-3161/After: 335-3656
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 10:30 a.m.
It is a Senior Youth, Women's & Senior's Ministry Group, Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week.

West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - west 136 miles
Pastor Jim Miller: Information call 337-2020
Sept 1st - June 20th
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:55 a.m.

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

2030 - 21st Avenue
Phone: 335-3629
Grant Skelton, Senior Pastor
David Black, Youth Director
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Celebration in Worship
11:15 - 12:30 a.m. Celebration in Worship
10:10 - 11:05 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Contact the church regarding Bible Studies, Care Groups, Teen Activities & Children's programs.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 24 Ave. Didsbury Phone 335-3084
Mass Time: 7:00 p.m. 1st Saturday

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

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Pastor John Lucas: 335-8923
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Worship Service: 11 a.m.

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See You in Church This Sunday!

Faces

a brief glimpse of people and events in our community

Compiled by Colleen Horrigan



Laurie Winter

Local artist's work showcased in the Royal Bank

Laurie Winter, a long-time artist and Didsbury resident, has a variety of paintings on display at the Royal Bank from now until after Christmas.

Winter was born and raised in the Maritimes, where the artwork of her great, great grandfather and her great uncle are still on display in historical museums. She has painted full-time for about the past 10 years, and says she doesn't have a particular subject or category of scenes that she paints.

"I don't have a usual subject. I paint moods and feelings, a little bit of everything," Winter said.

Time spent on each work also varies; Winter says that some pieces take her two months because she can't get what she wants on paper, and there are others that she has in the back of her mind for a couple weeks and she can sit down and complete the painting in about four hours.

The Royal Bank first agreed to display the work of local artists about two and a half years ago when Winter approached the administration there. She organized the program with other local artists, and different artists' paintings were displayed in the bank on a regular basis. Recently, the program had lapsed but Winter's works are back in the bank for the Christmas season.

Winter paints with various mediums including watercolours, oils and acrylics, and has previously taken on students in her home studio. She will be teaching a course with acrylics on birdhouses, watering cans and ostrich eggs early in the new year. For more information about this, call Bev at the Tea Cozy at 335-8090.

Didsbury High School Christmas Tea and Dessert Band Concert

Coffee, tea, dessert, and an afternoon of entertainment are promised by DHS band teacher Claude Deschamps, who along with members of the Grade 9 and Senior bands, is inviting everyone to the DHS Christmas Band Concert.

To be held in the Westglen Gymnasium on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m., the concert will feature the Grade 9 Band for the first half, and the Senior Band for the second half. Each band will perform for about one hour, and there will be an intermission between. Dessert, coffee and tea will be available upon arrival, so the audience can enjoy the refreshments as they are entertained by the students.

Each band consists of about 45 members, and both bands will be performing some Christmas favourites along with some more classical pieces that they have been working on since September.

Deschamps, who came from Calgary to teach French, Social Studies and Music at DHS in September, is hoping that this year's Band Concert will be at least as successful as last year's. One of the main fund-raisers for the Band, the Christmas Concert raised \$600 last year.

Deschamps said that he finds the music program at DHS to be very well-supported by the community and the Band Parents Society, and he plans to work on establishing even a stronger and more integrated music program in all three of Didsbury's schools in future years.

Tickets for the Band Christmas Concert are being sold in advance, but will also be available at the door for only \$2.50 per person or \$10 per family. There will be a 50/50 draw, and the leftover desserts, which will all be donated by the students' parents, will be sold.

Deschamps said both bands have been practising hard since September, so the students are hoping for a good turnout.

The concert will include a special performance of the Grade 9 Band playing the famous "Time to Say Goodbye" by composer Andrea Bocelli, with a duet by two senior students.



Claude Deschamps

Didsbury residents win the Lotto 6/49

A dream shared by Eugene and Betty Musgrove has come true. The Didsbury residents won the lottery.

On Nov. 13, the retired couple matched five numbers and the bonus playing Lotto 6/49 to win the corresponding prize of \$65,888.40. Now they have plans to enjoy their retirement, starting with a dream they've shared for 10 years - a cruise of the Panama Canal.

"This really does make me feel very happy!" Eugene Musgrove said when he claimed his prize Nov. 17 at the St. Albert Prize Payout Office.

The first thing on the Musgrove's agenda upon learning of their win was to tell their two children about their good fortune.

The winning ticket was purchased at Didsbury Drugs.



New catalog computer system at Library

The Library in Didsbury got about 10 times bigger on Nov. 23, thanks to the new computer system linking it to 40 other public and municipal libraries across central Alberta.

The computer system is funded through APLEN, the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network. The system links all the libraries in the Parkland Regional Library System from Carstairs in the south to Ponoka in the north, east to Forestburg and west to Nordegg.

"With the database, anyone who has a membership here in Didsbury can take out books from any of these libraries," explained librarian-technologist Mark Fischer.

Added to the increased selection of books, members also get the convenience of being able to return books, even ones borrowed from other libraries, to the library in Didsbury.

Fischer, who has worked at the Didsbury Library for 24 years, says there have been quite a few members who have borrowed books from the public library in Red Deer and said it was nice to be able to return them here in town.

Fischer and other Library staff have been working on implementing the new system since mid-summer, because all of the books had to have new bar codes put on.

Using the interlibrary system, members can go into the Didsbury Library and do a search for a specific book, and the computer will tell them which libraries stock that book and if it is currently available. They can then order books from other libraries to be shipped here, or if the book is out, they can put a hold on it and the system will notify them when it becomes available. Similar searches can also be done for other categories such as author, subject or organization.

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BOUNTIFUL BANQUET

Left: The Didsbury Museum held its annual Christmas Banquet last Wednesday evening. The delicious roast beef dinner was served to a full house of hungry attendees.

Below: Gerlinda Lea had the highest bid in the silent auction held at the banquet. She paid \$175 for this quilt made by Mary Pratt, who donated it to the Museum.

Photos by Nicole Smith



Prairie farm women's crisis fund launched recently

The launch of the Prairie Farm Women's Crisis Fund was announced on Nov. 26 by Canadian Women's Foundation (CWF) board member, Linda Ungar. Ungar is attending the National Farm Women's Conference, Vision 2020: Seeing our Future, in Saskatoon.

CWF is seeding the fund with \$30,000, and urgently asking for donations for the fund from individuals, corporations and other foundations that want to demonstrate their concern and caring about the farm crisis.

"CWF recognizes the devastating impact of the current farm crisis in the prairie provinces," said Ungar.

"We honour the central role farm women play on their farms, in their families and communities. And we support their efforts to respond to this economic and social crisis. The fund is a symbol of our concern about the human and economic costs of the crisis, and a tribute to the strength of farm women. It is a way to show that we care."

CWF is the first public foundation in Canada specifically designed to improve the lives of women and girls through economic and social change. The Foundation, which raises funds and makes grants to charitable projects, has awarded over \$2.9 million dollars in grants to more than 400 economic development and violence prevention projects across Canada since it started operating in 1991.

Grants from the Crisis

Fund will be awarded to projects initiated by charitable organizations in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta. Applications will soon be in the mail to women's organizations in these areas. Priority will be given to projects in the most economically devastated areas, and ones that directly involve farm women in significant decision-making roles. Projects can be designed to:

- fund networks helping farm women to come together, identify issues, provide support and develop solutions;
- provide information and increase accessibility of existing services;
- do outreach to farm women;
- explore economic alternatives or identify economic development opportunities;
- support anti-violence work and activities responding to family stress.

The human costs are staggering:

- An Angus Reid Group survey in August 1999 found that 46% of prairie province farmers interviewed said that they would either "seriously consider getting out of farming" or "will have gotten out of farming" by next year.

This means that, of the 128,364 farms in the Prairie provinces, over 50,000 are thinking of getting out of farming, or may be out of business by next year.

- The Farm Safety Association says that the rate of suicide among farmers is rising, and is more than double that

of the general population (40.6 per 100,000 compared to 18.1 per 100,000 for the general population).

Farm women are struggling to help their farms survive and to keep their families together in the midst of terrible stress, while trying to maintain the community structures and activities that provide some degree of normalcy.

"We hope that our initiative will prompt others to donate in response to this desperate situation," said Beverly Wybrow, CWF Executive Director.

"We know that the fund will not solve the farm crisis. The grants will, however, help farm women to get support, know what help is available to deal with the stresses, and begin to explore new economic possibilities. Most importantly, it is a way to acknowledge that the hard work of farm women - paid and unpaid - matters to all of us."

Donations are urgently needed. CWF hopes to make the first critically needed grants in January, 2000. Phone donations on Visa and Mastercard can be made to (416) 365-1444, or mail cheques to Canadian Women's Foundation Farm Crisis Fund, P.O. Box 20077, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 4J7.

Please make cheques payable to Canadian Women's Foundation and note that your donation is for the Prairie Farm Women's Crisis Fund.

Anti-dumping ruling proves fair trading in cattle

The Alberta government is pleased with a ruling handed down by the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) stating that there is no evidence that imports of Canadian cattle have caused injury to U.S. cattle producers.

The ruling means that Canadian cattle exports to the U.S. will no longer be subject to an anti-dumping duty. The provisional anti-dumping duty imposed in July will be removed and all duties collected since that time will be refunded, with interest, to Canadian cattle exporters.

"This ruling confirms once again that Canadian cattle are traded fairly," says Ty Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. "It will end months of uncertainty over access to U.S. markets. But it is unfortunate the Canadian cattle industry, as well as government, had to spend a lot of time and money defending against these unfounded allegations."

The anti-dumping investigation was one of two trade actions brought against Canada by the Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Foundation (R-CALF). In an earlier ruling, the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) confirmed that the Canadian cattle industry did not receive sufficient subsidies from federal and provincial governments to justify imposing countervailing duties.

The ruling ended the countervail investigation. "This anti-dumping ruling proves what we have said all along - the North American cattle industry is a single, fully integrated market," says Shirley McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations. "We will continue working closely with the Alberta cattle industry to facilitate two-way trade with the U.S. and address any remaining cross border trade issues."

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A "tag" team effort being made by CCIA soon

By December 31, 2000, all beef cattle in Canada will be tagged through the Canadian Cattle Identification Program, administered by the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA). This simple traceback system involves ear-tagging with approved tags by the time cattle leave their herd of origin. The tag stays with the animal until the carcass is inspected at the packing plant.

"The CCIA is an incorporated agency with the mandate to develop and implement a system of individual identification traceback for beef cattle in Canada," says Cindy McCreath, CCIA communications coordinator. "In the 1920s, the federal government's Health of Animals program identified and tagged individual animals to eradicate tuberculosis. From the 1940s to the 1980s animals were tagged to eradicate brucellosis. About 95% of Canada's cowherd was individually identified for traceback under this program until 1985. These numbers have slipped. By 1995, only about 10% of the national beef cowherd was identified for traceback. Issues arising around the world have re-established the need for a cattle ID and traceback program."

A national ID program is essential to give industry and gov-

ernment the capability to quickly respond to and contain a disease or food safety problem should the need arise. The information will be secure and the CCIA will only provide access of those records to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in the event of a request for traceback for health or safety reasons.

"Around the world, over 25 countries are developing or already have individual identification programs in place," adds McCreath. "Canada exports 50% of its beef and cattle production and this program will help safeguard that growing international market. If a problem were to be detected, the tag allows a more efficient search to identify the source of the problem, by starting at both the point the problem was detected and at the herd of origin. Quick response is essential."

For the individual identification program to work, a national identification ear tag will be applied by the time an animal leaves the herd of origin. Numbers will be assigned by the CCIA to approved tag manufacturers. They will be distributed directly from manufacturers and through approved distributors.

"Tag distributors will record the tag numbers given to producers and submit that information to the CCIA database,"

adds McCreath. "Producers will not be required to keep additional records, although many will likely use the CCIA identification number for their own management records."

The system is not being developed to replace branding, however, coordination of efforts in this initiative is expected. While the branding program is designed for tracking ownership, primarily in the west, the CCIA program is being developed across Canada for health and safety traceback.

"Tag retention trials have been successfully completed and in-plant trials of tag readability are on-going," says McCreath.

In order for the program to be effective and maintain credibility domestically and internationally, all beef cattle must be identified. The goal is to have a cost efficient and effective program supported by the industry implemented by December 31, 2000.

"Start-up funds for the CCIA were received through a grant from the Beef Industry Development Fund," continues McCreath. "Additional funds being used for trials and devel-

opment have been approved through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, a number of provincial governments and private industry organizations. In the long-term, the program will be self-sustaining through sources such as tag sales, industry services and certification fees. It is expected that a basic CCIA tag will be available for under \$1 per tag."

To assist cattle producers to understand this program and familiarize themselves with it, a Speakers' Bureau

has been established.

These speakers are available to give presentations at meetings, present information at seminars or at any other cattle-related functions.

Speaker Bureau members in Alberta include Jeff Millang, beef specialist, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Olds.

For more information, contact the Alberta Cattle Commission or the CCIA at 1-888-909-BEEF (2333). Information can also be found on-line at the CCIA website at www.cattle.ca/ccia.

CWB says prairie farmers need immediate aid

The CWB appealed Nov. 23 to the federal government to level the playing field between prairie farmers and their counterparts in the United States and European Union by implementing sorely needed support programs.

"Whether by accident or design, the domestic subsidization policies of the U.S. and the EU are putting their farmers at a considerable competitive advantage to Canadian farmers," CEO Greg Arason told the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food in Ottawa.

"Many western Canadian farmers, despite being as or more efficient than their U.S. or EU counterparts, are going broke. There is a pressing need for effective support programs to bridge the gap and help ensure the survival of Canadian farmers over the medium term," he said.

Arason told the Standing Committee that strong growth is expected in world food demand and grain imports over the next five to 10 years, creating an opportunity for Canada to remain a major player in supplying food to the world.

However, he said many producers may not remain in business long enough to realize the future opportunities.

"In a recent survey of prairie farmers, 67% told us they expect their farm to lose money this year. Almost 50% said they will be out of business entirely if the next couple of years are the same as this year," said Arason.

"It is very important that the federal government recognize these legitimate concerns and take appropriate action."

Arason said the CWB intends to market all wheat and barley producers want to sell this year and will strive to obtain the best possible value for their grain.

"Our objective is to maximize returns to producers and we are committed to seeking ways to reduce system costs to achieve the best return we can," he said.

A copy of Arason's speaking notes and additional background information will be posted in the CWB's website at www.cwb.ca.

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Didsbury Kodiaks rock tournament

By Adrienne Potter

Nov. 19-21, the Pee Wee "C" Kodiaks came up against Sundre in one of three games.

The first period of the game had a lot of intense moments. Daryk Durocher scored the first goal assisted by Will Archer. The Kodiaks' second goal was scored by Mitch McCargar assisted by Jordan Neufeld, and Lee Stevens, making the score 2-0. The boys faced off and Ryan Potter, assisted by Kyle Hoffman and Daryk Durocher, scored a goal. This just pumped the boys more and made the fans go wild. Sundre came on a bit stronger, but couldn't stop Cailan Gole's goal assisted by Adam Larson and Will Archer. Sundre couldn't get one past Brandon Meston. With 26 seconds left in the first, Daryk Durocher popped one in assisted by Mitch McCargar.

The second period had one goal scored by Sundre leaving the score 5-1.

Third period, Daryk Durocher came back again scoring his third for a hat trick, assisted by Mitch McCargar. Cailan Gole scored the next, assisted by Daryk Durocher. With five seconds left in the game, Sundre scored, leaving the score 7-3 Kodiaks. Penalty totals were eight minutes Didsbury and 16 minutes Sundre.

Saturday night the Kodiaks came up against Cochrane. The teams were evenly matched. Cochrane scored the first goal, but the Kodiaks came back strong with an unassisted goal by Nick Kurtz, leaving the score at the end of the first 1-1.

The second period, the pattern repeated with Cochrane scoring and Nick Kurtz coming back with a goal assisted by Kyle

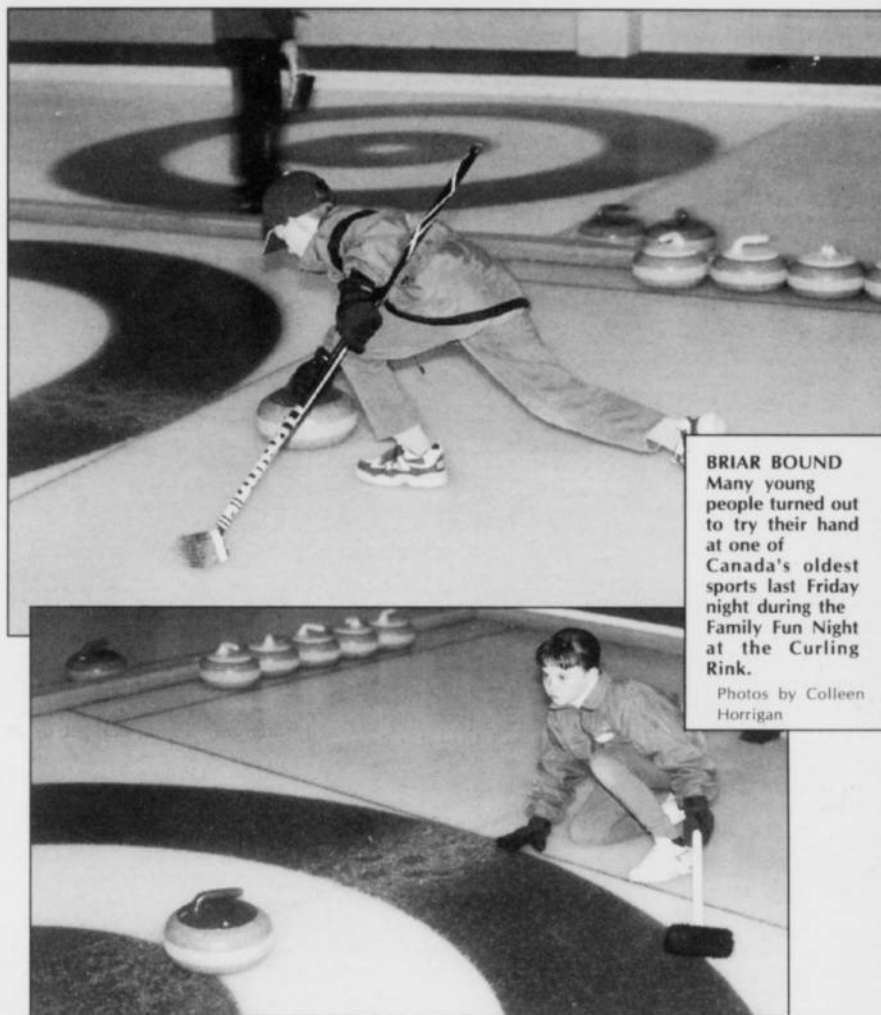
Reider. The Kodiaks gained control again, with a goal scored by Will Archer assisted by Daryk Durocher bringing the score to 4-3. Cochrane answered back, tying it up to 4-4 at the end of the second.

In the third, the Kodiaks were unstoppable. A goal was scored by Ryan Potter, assisted by Kyle Reider. The boys faced off again, and nine seconds later, another Ryan Potter netted another assisted by Nick Kurtz. Then Mitch McCargar scored unassisted, followed by one by Will Archer assisted by Daryk Durocher and Cailan Gole.

Cochrane couldn't get one past Brandon Meston in the third, but the Kodiaks stayed hungry to the bitter end. Ryan Potter scored his third assisted by Nick Kurtz, and with twelve seconds left in the game, Kyle Hoffman scored assisted by Mitch McCargar. The final score was 9-4 for Didsbury, which gave them a spot in the A-final against High River. Penalty totals were 12 minutes Didsbury, six minutes Cochrane.

On Sunday, Nov. 21, the boys came up against High River. In the first period, the boys gave their all but High River came on strong and scored two unanswered goals. In the second, High River scored again before Didsbury could get one past the goalie. Then Kyle Reider scored one unassisted. The rest is history, with the Kodiaks losing out in the A final, with a score of 6-1. Penalty totals at the end of the game were 10 minutes Didsbury, 22 minutes High River.

It was great teamwork by the Kodiaks, thanks for the excitement, boys!



BRIAR BOUND
Many young people turned out to try their hand at one of Canada's oldest sports last Friday night during the Family Fun Night at the Curling Rink.

Photos by Colleen Horrigan

Colts sizzle lately

Friday, Nov. 26 the Colts headed east to Big Country to play the Raptors. The play was fast and furious as the Colts were determined to come home with a much-needed win. The play seesawed from one end of the ice to the other. For once, everything seemed to fall into place for the Colts as their pucks found their way into the net. Colts defence did an awesome job of clearing the puck from their own zone. Lots of bumping, grinding and physical play led the Colts to annihilate the opposition by a score of 11-4. Points in this game went to Haffner two goals one assist, Neven three goals three assists, Swanson two goals four assists, Ironside two goals two assists, and single goals by Rob Collinge and Chad Pappas. Other assists went to van Dam with a pair and Kliparchuk, Pieper, Murphy, McGinn and Taks with singles.

Saturday, Nov. 27 the Colts headed north to play the Red Deer Vipers who are first in the north division. The Colts were once again on top of their game as shots on net were even. The referee kept the momentum of the game slow as ridiculous penalties were called on both teams. The Colts lost this game by a respectable 5-3 (one goal was an empty-netter). Points went to Neven and Swanson one goal and one assist apiece and Lane Montgomery scoring for three. Ryan Taks played net both games and did a solid job.

Both games were well attended by fans and much appreciation for all the cheering. Next home game is on Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. against the Airdrie Thunder.

National Hockey predictions

By Robert Magee

It was September of 1994. A young, sheepish looking boy walked into the Toronto Maple Leafs training camp hoping to crack the big leagues. Staring into the faces of all-stars Doug Gilmour, Mats Sundin, Mike Gartner and Felix Potvin, the rookie knew what challenges lay ahead.

Now, a mere five years later, he captains the New York Islanders. His name is Kenny Jonsson. He is 25 years old, and he is destined for greatness.

After being drafted twelfth overall in the 1993 Entry Draft, then-Maple Leafs General Manager Cliff Fletcher branded him as the next "Borje Salming". Fletcher was wrong. Jonsson will be much better than Salming.

The poised Swede is a leader on the ice for the Isles. He logs well over 30 minutes of ice time every game, and plays in every key situation. Regularly partnered with the big-hitting Rich Pilon, Jonsson demon-

strates great skating skills and is always reliable in his own end. What puts him in the elite class is his remarkable ability to see the ice. Jonsson can read plays that are about to develop, enabling him to act quickly enough to either stop them on defence, or get in position on offence.

Head Coach Butch Goring presented Jonsson with the captaincy role this season after the departure of Trevor Linden. Jonsson likes the new challenge, but realizes it's a never-ending learning process.

"I'm honoured to be captain...I just hope they give me some time to grow into the role," said Jonsson.

It seems to be a growing trend these days in the NHL to have such young captains. Previous to Linden, the Islanders had Brian McCabe with the "C". He was only 22 at the time. Ex-Flame Todd Simpson was named captain when he was 24 years old. Chris Gratton, who's the same age as Simpson, was named

captain of the Tampa Bay Lightning recently.

GM Mike Millbury has decided to build his team around three players. Jonsson, goaltenders Felix Potvin, and Olli Jokinen. Youngsters such as Tim Connolly, Brad Isbister, Mathieu Biron, Eric Brewer, Zdeno Chara and Roberto Luongo are on the verge of becoming breakthrough players. Of course, veterans Gino Odjick, Pilon and Claude Lapointe are there to provide a decent supporting cast.

But not much of that is working yet, as the Isles sport a 5-10-3 record, good enough for last in their division. The season is still relatively young however, and Goring is pleased with his players saying, "I like the way my kids play...we don't roll over and die (when we are down) - that's true to our character."

In order to be successful, a winning team always has to have heart and character. Look out for Jonsson and company - they're going to be great.

Didsbury Jaguars still undefeated so far this season

Even though they were short a couple of bodies (defensive stalwarts Evan Thompson and Daniel Graf), it could only be described as an awesome display of Jag firepower and defence in this one.

The game got off to a slow start for the first shift of the game as the two teams tactfully tried to feel each other out.

The second shift of the game showed the home fans things to come.

Kayla Edwards, with a nice pass from brother Jason, unloaded a blast that found the back of the twine early in her first shift.

Kayla would prove to be simply overpowering throughout the game as she was everywhere on the ice, racking up a four-point day with two goals and two assists. Jason Edwards continued to show his playmaking prowess as he has all season (Gretzky make room in the record books). Cody Krebs backed up their performance with a hat trick of his own, along with his great back checking, he has sure become a great two-way player.

Keegan Paton and Cole Robertson once again showed how fast they are improving with great efforts on defence and three periods of hard work. Great things are to come for these two.

The rest of the game was all Jags as well, Will Hadway banged one in as did Tanner Watt and Sean McGillis. Bowden, even though being down on the score board all day continued to push as hard as they could and were rewarded by breaking the shutout in the second period.

Branton Olfert was in goal and although he wasn't tested often, he proved up to the task of stopping all but one of Bowden's finest efforts.

It was a good thing too, as he had the largest contingent of fans in the rink. Branton had lots of defensive help from Nicole Miller as she continued her stay-at-home defensive style. Braden Overwater put in a gritty effort but seemed to have caught the eye of the official - a couple of trips to the sin bin for stick infractions earned him a little extra rest.

Later on though, these rests came into play as he broke loose to dump one in the Bowden goal. Blake Shields continued his aggressive ways and was rewarded for it when he blew one by the Bowden stopper.

Although the final score was lopsided, it was not totally indicative of the play as Bowden put forth a great effort but just couldn't seem to find their scoring touch. In the end, it was 13-1 for the Jaguars.

Sunday the Jaguars were pitted against a vastly improved Sundre team. The action was end-to-end all game long, and the goalies were tested early and often.

For the Jaguars, it was Evan Thompson between the pipes and although he got off to a bit of a rough start, he soon settled down for the rest of the game. He even got into the act by roaming out of his net periodically to help out his defence (much to his mother's chagrin).

Braden Overwater showed some great puck handling skills and really concentrated on being a playmaker in this one.

Tanner Watt continued his aggressive style and created numerous turnovers in the offensive end for others to capitalize on.

Cody Krebs had his usual all-around strong game, and had the Sundre goalie backing into the net all day with his booming slapshots from the point and beyond. Jason Edwards continued his assault on the tyke record books, including a natural hat trick in the first period.

Kayla Edwards used her great reach to poke the puck away from the Sundre defence and broke in alone where she stretched the twine with a blast through the five-hole.

Will Hadway used his distinctive voice to alert his teammates to his location in front of the net and was rewarded with a goal for his efforts. Keegan Paton was all over the ice and helped turn over the puck numerous times. Sean McGillis had a couple of great chances but had the puck roll off his stick at the worst times.

Nicole Miller is really finding her stride out there and broke in alone a couple of times only to be thwarted at the last minute by the Sundre goalie. Cole Robertson is showing more confidence every game and once he refines his scoring touch, he will be hard to stop. Branton Olfert as a pest for the Sundre defenders all game with his aggressive forechecking and positional play. Blake Shields, although kept off the scoresheet, chose to work on his defensive game and was instrumental in the win by keeping the Sundre players at bay. Score 10-7 for the Jags in this one to remain undefeated for the year.

Goal scorers on the weekend were Kayla Edwards (4), Jason Edwards (7), Cody Krebs (5), Will Hadway (2), Braden Overwater (2), Tanner Watt (1) and Sean McGillis (1).



GIRLS RULE!
The Didsbury Midget Girls team played well again this past weekend in another home game.
Photo by Colleen Horrigan

Didsbury Rockets flying high

Didsbury's Tykes #1 team, the Rockets, has been very busy since their first league game on Oct. 23 against the Didsbury Jaguars.

Although the Rockets came up a little short in that one, hard work and determination have helped them go on to win their next four games.

Nov. 20 was a chilly game in Carstairs, especially for Chris Wood who played a great game in net, making many super saves and only letting one get by in the third period.

The first period started with Dylan Hopkins scoring only four minutes into play with a great pass from Andrew Baron. Then Jesse Gole put the two past the

Carstairs goalie with his great stickhandling skills. With 10 minutes to go in the period, Mark Paradis scored, followed by Chris Beach one minute later, giving the Rockets five by the end of the first.

One minute into the second, Jesse Gole put his third of the game past the goaltender, making it 6-0. The Rockets did a great job defending their zone, allowing Taylor Voszler to fire the puck to Dylan Hopkins, who slipped it into the net. With only 50 seconds left in the period, Chris Beach got a breakaway and shot one more past the goalie.

After a short break to warm up, Curtis Smith took a shot

but the goalie got a piece of it. Smith then found the rebound and put it in the net. The next two goals were contributed by James Lefebvre with great skill. Carstairs finally got one on the board with 15 minutes to go, and the game ended 11-1.

So far in the season, the Rockets have shown some awesome teamwork and super action with great passing from Craig Drevor, Zachary Rahn, Taylor Voszler and Andrew Baron. Great offensive plays are made regularly by Topher Large, Luke Paradis and Shandy Onishenko. The people who make this all possible for the kids are their coaches, Len Hopkins, Mark Lefebvre and Mark Baron.

Just for today: TOPS tips

The hectic month of December is a good time to dust off the old maxim "just for today" and practice it when things get stressful.

"Many people resign themselves to weight gain at this time of year," said Marlene Pixley, a representative of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). "But you can avoid those 'inevitable' extra pounds. The trick is not to surrender control."

Pixley suggested these affirmations to keep your lifestyle on a healthy, even keel:

• "Just for today, I will plan my meals and snacks in the morning, and follow that plan throughout the day."

• "Just for today, I will schedule 30 minutes for exercise, such as a brisk walk or a spin on a stationary bike. I won't let anything interfere with this 'appointment' with myself."

• "Just for today, I will find something to divert myself - maybe an interesting magazine article or a Christmas craft project - so I don't start nibbling between planned meals and snacks."

With simple techniques like these, many TOPS members manage to lose pounds or maintain goal weight, even during

the holidays. To learn more about TOPS and to locate the chapter nearest you, call Marlene Pixley at 403-346-0100 or toll-free at 1-800-932-

8677. Or log on to the TOPS website at www.tops.org for that information along with weight-loss tips, facts, and success stories.

Atom 'A' Didsbury Rock n' Roll



Kris Jackson, #43

Age: 11 years

Position: Goalie

Favorite team: Toronto Maple Leafs and Boston Bruins

"Hockey is lots fun. I like stopping lots of shots."

Atom 'A' Didsbury Rock n' Roll



Riley Edwards, #10, A

Age: 11 years

Position: Goalie

Favorite team: Dallas Stars

"My favorite thing about playing hockey is skating hard, scoring goals and joking around with my teammates."

Minister of Justice extends amnesty period

The Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, has announced that the amnesty for prohibited handguns and unregistered restricted firearms will be extended to January 1, 2001.

Unregistered restricted firearms:

The extension of the amnesty, which began December 1, 1998, provides an additional year for individuals, who are in possession of unregistered restricted firearms, such as "forgotten" war trophies, to get them registered without fear of repercussion.

The same applies to businesses newly regulated under the Firearms Act, such as theatres and Royal Canadian Legion Branches.

Firearms in the restricted category include: non-prohibited handguns; non-prohibited fire-

arms with a barrel less than 470 mm and capable of discharging centre-fire ammunition in a semi-automatic manner; firearms able to be fired when (by folding or telescoping for example) to a length of less than 660 mm; other firearms declared restricted by regulations.

During the amnesty period, individuals may register the firearm, or turn in the firearm to a police officer or firearms officer for destruction or disposal.

In order to register, individuals must first be licensed to possess and acquire restricted firearms or have a valid Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC). If the owner does not get the proper licence, then he or she cannot qualify to own this class of firearm and must turn it over to a police officer or firearms officer.

Businesses newly regulated

under the Firearms Act that have unregistered restricted firearms must get the proper firearms business licence and have the firearms registered.

Registration of prohibited handguns:

In February 1995, the Government announced its intent to ban certain handguns, often called "Saturday night specials". This includes handguns with a barrel length of 105 mm or less and all .25 and .32 calibre models. The government made this decision because these easily concealable weapons threaten public safety.

People who had already purchased these prohibited firearms by February 14, 1995 were able to take advantage of the "grandfathering" clause. This means that they can keep their handgun and trade among those

with the same "grandfathered" privileges.

Individuals who came into possession of "grandfathered" handguns (e.g. as part of an estate) but are not themselves "grandfathered", can sell them to a "grandfathered" owner.

Persons and dealers who have these firearms but who have not been "grandfathered" now have more time to take appropriate action. Their options include: increasing the length of the barrel, exporting the firearm, deactivating the firearm, selling or donating

it to a museum or turning it in to authorities.

Non-"grandfathered" individuals who purchased these handguns after February 14, 1995, were told at the time of registration that they could not retain the firearms once the prohibition came into effect.

All gun owners will have to be licensed to possess and/or acquire any type of firearm by January 1, 2001. Exceptions are if the firearm has been properly deactivated or if it is an antique under the law.

Didsbury Rustlers chart a winning weekend

By Cassandra Peterson

The Rustlers had a great weekend. They won both their games, the players knew their positions well and are starting to pass and play like a team.

Game one took them to Bowden with Zach Pochapsky in net. He made some really terrific saves. Brayden Hopfe and Kyle Gebers each had four goals. Wow! Way to work boys. Chelsea Overwater grabbed a rebound and put it in net, and Kasey Eichhorst also scored a

goal. Jon Carlson had a chance to score but it didn't quite work out. Andrew Peterson had an assist.

The Rustlers had a commanding lead of 7-2 at one point but Bowden came alive and ties it up early in the third period. The Rustlers held it together which made for an exciting third period. The game ended 10-8 in favour of the Rustlers.

Game two was at home hosting Olds #3. The Rustlers came ready to play, with Eric Timmins

between the pipes making some fantastic saves.

Goals came from Jonathan Johnson, Dustin Moreau, and Brayden Hopfe with one each. Every game Trent Uhrich comes so close with numerous shots on net to no avail, but this was his day, with his first of the year. Way to go, Trent. Kasey Eichhorst had two as did Kyle Gebers. Matthew Jaenen had an assist and Jesse Steward played hard all game.

The game ended 8-5 in favour of the Rustlers. Their next game is on Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m. hosting Sundre. See you there!



Donald Kliparchuk

Age 19 #16
Weight 185 lbs
Height 6'4"
Position CENTRE
Years of Experience 9
Favorite Team PITTS. PENGUINS
Interests/Hobbies SKIING, VIDEO GAMES

What I like best about playing hockey:
Winning

Future Goals: To go to university & become a contractor and architect



Colts profiles



Ryan Taks

Age 19 #30
Weight 145 lbs
Height 5'8"
Position GOAL
Years of Experience 15 YEARS
Favorite Team EDMONTON OILERS
Interests/Hobbies WEIGHT LIFTING

What I like best about playing hockey:
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Future Goals: Be a farmer



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Didsbury Midget Ramblers looking for a home victory

By Barry Williams

Finding a home-ice victory is like looking for a needle in a haystack for the Didsbury Midget Ramblers.

Playing in the friendly confines of the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Saturday, Nov. 27, the Ramblers dropped another close encounter losing to Cochrane 7-5 in entertaining Central Alberta Minor Hockey midget League action.

For most of the wide open game, the teams exchanged goals as both teams kept their opposition's goaltenders busy. Ramblers' Jason Davis-Rowe and Cochrane's Neil Davies were forced to make several acrobatic saves.

Davis-Rowe certainly gave the Ramblers the opportunity to win the game as several key saves, especially when the home squad

was playing short-handed, kept them in the game.

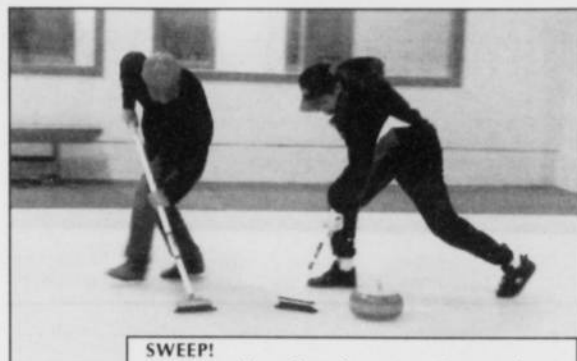
Although the Rambler forwards were snake bitten, they found opportunities to score but couldn't dent the twine on a consistent basis.

To ensure the victory, Cochrane netted three goals in the third period, two of them a minute apart, just after the Ramblers had a goal disallowed.

The Ramblers skated to a 2-1 lead after one period and held a

slim 4-3 margin after the second stanza.

For the Ramblers, Mike Williams, Jody Dawson, Calvin Anderson and Chris Glazie dented the twine. Williams and Glazie picked up a pair of assists for three point outings while other assists went to Anderson and Jason Jensen. Despite looking for the elusive win, the Ramblers have been very competitive as all four losses have been by a one-goal margin.



SWEEP!

A number of men from the community turned out to participate in the Men's Open Bonspiel last weekend in Didsbury.

Photo by Colleen Horrigan

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Correction

In the Nov. 24 issue of the Didsbury Review in a story titled "Rottweilers update" an error was made in the spelling of a player's name.

The name should have been Jeremy Graf, not Jimmy Graf as it appeared in the paper.

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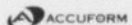
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IN LOVING MEMORY of Oliver Rasmussen, who passed away ten years ago December 5, 1989.

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OBITUARY

DUE: Henning Walter Due passed away peacefully with his family by his side at the Didsbury Hospital on Nov. 19, 1999 at the age of 75 years. Walter will be lovingly remembered by Birgit, his wife of 46 years, children, Evan and Sharmini Due, and Mary Ann and Kevin Kurtz, four grandchildren, Nickolas and Kirsten Kurtz and Nikita and Christian Due. Born in Randers, Denmark, Walter moved to Canada in 1951. He lived in Turner Valley (1953-1970) and then in Didsbury until his death. Walter was an active member in the Masonic Lodge. He was PM of Corinthian Lodge #22 (Okotoks) and King Hiram Lodge #21 (Didsbury), and a member of Otuswan Royal Arch Chapter #9, and Cyprus Precinctory #33. Walter was also active in the Clown Unit of the Al Azhar Temple, Calgary, and a PP and Life Member of St. Hilda Chapter #27, OES. Walter will be sadly missed by his family and many friends. A memorial service was held on Nov. 23 from the Knox United Church, Didsbury, with Reverend Malcolm Profit officiating. If friends desire, in lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to the Rosebud Health Foundation. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury, entrusted with arrangements.



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10 COMING EVENTS

HEARING CLINIC - Free hearing tests will be conducted at Didsbury Victoria Square Mall Dec. 15-16. To arrange an appointment in advance or for more information, call 1-403-266-7389, The Hearing Associates. 34-2t

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Carstairs Winter Farmers Market, every Thursday at the Legion Hall in Carstairs from 4 to 6 p.m. Free draw this week. 33-1t

13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DIDSBURY COLLECTIVE Kitchens is currently seeking a volunteer to coordinate the program. As the coordinator you would be responsible for setting up and facilitating new collective kitchens. We are looking for an individual with good communication and group skills, some basic budgeting, cooking and nutrition knowledge. A minimal honorarium is available. Please submit resumes to Carla Ross, Postal Bag 130, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0, by December 10, 1999. 33-1t

02 AUCTIONS

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Life Line Meeting

The regular meeting of Didsbury Life Line will be at Town Office on Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Band Concert

The Didsbury High School Bands invite you to an afternoon of magnificent music and tasty treats on Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. in the Westglen gym. Tickets are \$2.50 or \$10 for the whole family.

DIDSBURY

Diabetes Support

The Diabetes Support and Information Group will meet Dec. 8 from 7-9 p.m. in the Didsbury Library. Everyone welcome. For more info, call Cindy at 335-9262.

Wench and the Bloke

The Mountain View Community Hall's annual family Christmas banquet presents "The Wench and the Bloke" on Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. For tickets call Vern at 335-4436 or Doug at 335-4435.

DIDSBURY

Family Craft Day

Mountain View Community Hall will be holding a Kids and Family Craft Day on Dec. 11 from 12-3 p.m. Make some Christmas crafts, play games and win prizes. Concession available. Santa will be there. Bring your own camera. Cost is \$10 per family. 335-9112.

OLDS

Christmas Musical

You're invited to celebrate "Night Alive." The true meaning of Christmas, portrayed by the youth of the Olds Church of the Nazarene, 5402 43 St., Olds. Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 11 a.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

DIDSBURY

HALL WALKING

Adults are invited to walk in the Westglen School corridors from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Thursday for fun and fitness.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month. 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265 RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Bev at 335-9803 or Kirsten 335-3370.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info, call Wes at the Town Office at 335-3391

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: As of July 1, open Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. More info call Linda at 335-5868.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays). Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-9928.

KINGHIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Marge Stocker at 335-4261.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

DIDSBURY

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. Donations are always welcome. Admission is \$2/adults and children and members free. The Museum is open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 p.m. weekly and 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays during July and Aug. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info, call 335-9295 during office hours.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

PLAYGROUP

An educational and social program for children 3-5 years is now accepting registrations for Sept. To register or for info call Cherie at 335-8039 or 335-8818.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7-8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

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SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sheree 335-8612.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in education room (lower level) at Didsbury Hospital.

CREMONA

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Sunday. For more info call 337-2331

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. Contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

A.D.D. SUPPORT

Learning Disabilities Association. Support, information, workshops, seminars, resource materials, films and tapes. Meets last Tuesday of each month. 7 p.m. in Room 116 at Deer Meadows School in Olds. Contact Sam at 556-7614 eves. or Susan 335-3174

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

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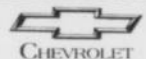
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